

Rightly Handling the Word: Introduction to Bible Interpretation



Want to know more about God through His word?

Why not learn to interpret the Bible better?

Have you grappled with difficult passages in the Bible? Ever wondered why there can be such different interpretations for the same parable of Jesus? Is the literal meaning *always* the correct one – e.g. should Christians really pluck our eye out if it causes us to stumble (Matthew 5:29)? What about looking for the “plain meaning” of Scripture?

If these questions intrigue you, then join this study module so that you can learn to interpret the Bible better. The module has two learning objectives. First, it provides an overview of the task of Bible interpretation, outlining key concepts and principles which can help us interpret the Bible more responsibly. This includes topics such as Bible translations, exegesis and hermeneutics, types of biblical genre, as well as questions on grammar and historical context. Second, live online classes offer opportunities to apply these principles of interpretation on select Bible texts. Practising these principles will help you improve your ability to interpret and understand Scripture.

This module will rely on three main resources. One is the popular guide by Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* (4th edition 2018). For practical application, we'll use a recent book by Benny Tabalujan *et al*, *Renewal Through Restoration: An Uncommon Call to Christian Discipleship* (2021). These will be supplemented with engaging video materials presented by Keith Stanglin from the Center for Christian Studies (Austin, Texas).

The module will be delivered over eight live online classes using Zoom. Each session will include generous time for discussion, Q&A, and practical application. Participants will engage deeply with Scripture and course materials. You'll also enjoy the lively banter and exchange of ideas with fellow believers who desire to know God and love Him more.

Dates: Tuesdays – May 3, 10, 17, 24 and June 7, 14, 21, 28 (no class on 31 May 2022)

Time: 7.00 – 9.00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Venue: Online – Zoom

Fee: \$44 per person (incl. GST). Covers course participation and materials.

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Places are limited. Register on www.klesis.com.au before Thursday, 7 April 2022. Come and join eager participants keen to learn how to interpret the Bible better!

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