

UNPACKING THE SCRIPTURES FOR YOURSELF – SESSION #1

God's Two Great Revelations:

“General” revelation – Romans 1:18-20

God revealing himself through all that he has created so that, as we observe creation, we can understand who God is.

“Special” revelation – Hebrews 1:1-2

God revealing himself by speaking through men that he has appointed and empowered so that we can understand his work and our part in it.

“Hermeneutics”: Disciplines for interpreting the Bible

It is the work that we do to understand God's special revelation.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 - The “spiritual battle” is fought in our minds.

2 Timothy 2:15 - We must do the hard work of rightly understanding God's truth.

The Work of the Holy Spirit:

John 14:25-27

Teach and Remind

John 16:12-15

Guide you into all truth

The Meta-narrative of God's Special Revelation:

Meta-narrative defined – meta – “beyond” / narrative – “story” or “The Big Story”

The Purpose of the Big Story of the Scriptures

Matthew 22:37-40

All the law and the prophets hang on these two commands
– love God / love others

The Person of the Big Story of the Scriptures

Luke 24:25-27

Jesus - “...he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

The Plot of the Big Story of the Scriptures

1. Creation
2. Fall
3. Israel
4. Jesus
5. New Creation

Three “Types” of Biblical literature: (Text page 14)

Narrative – 44% Stories

Poetry – 33% Poems and Songs

Discourse – 23% Teachings