

Deal Pentecostal Church Bible Studies 2022

The Bible is unlike any other book because the very words were breathed (inspired) by God and they still contain God's breath (His life) and they are our spiritual food: *God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing.*^{2Tim.3:16} Life is spiritual. Your physical existence doesn't contribute to that life. The words that I have spoken to you are spiritual. They are life.^{Jn.6:63} Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man doesn't live only on bread. He also lives on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'^{3Matt.4:4} But remember the difference between **exegesis** and **eisogesis**. Exegesis is the process of getting "out" ('ex') of the text what is truly there in the first place. The opposite to **exegesis** is **eisogesis** which is the process of putting "into" the text something that wasn't intended by the author and is almost a "blank cheque" for you to make the Bible say whatever you want!

To do **exegesis**, the correct principles of Bible interpretation (hermeneutics) need to be understood. **The first principle is context.** Always read the entire passage/chapter/book before preaching from a single verse. **The second principle is consistency.** Never interpret a text so that your interpretation contradicts the overall message of Scripture.

Base your answers on clear New Testament teaching (it's alright to use OT references to illustrate NT doctrine, but don't base your doctrine only on OT verses). Don't be afraid of using other references studies besides the Bible—even Paul did that: *When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.*^{2Tim.4:13} But just be careful that you don't get side-tracked from the main purpose of the Bible—which is to explain God's plan of salvation to mankind through Jesus Christ, His Son and our Saviour!

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Questions

Define “*faith*”

Find some examples of faith in the Bible

Can we have doubts and still be a Believer?

What is the difference between a doubt and unbelief?

How do we get faith?

How do we build our faith?

Explain what Jesus meant by: *Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.* Matt.21:21-22