

Course: Hermeneutics
Series: He Gave Us Scripture
Discussion Forum Four: Approaches to Meaning

- 1. How can identifying the proper genre help us interpret Scripture more responsibly?**
 - a. Dan Doriani – Central Presbyterian Church, Clayton, MO **(01:00)**
 - b. Ben Witherington III – Asbury Theological Seminary **(02:05)**
 - c. Greg Perry – Covenant Theological Seminary **(02:50)**
- 2. How does the process of interpreting Scripture resemble a spiral that closes in on God's authoritative meaning?**
 - a. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(04:30)**
 - b. Gary Cockerill – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(05:50)**
- 3. Why is it important to consider a biblical author's purposes and goals for writing?**
 - a. Dan Doriani – Central Presbyterian Church, Clayton, MO **(08:40)**
 - b. Peter Chow – China Evangelical Seminary, Taiwan **(10:55)**
 - c. David W. Chapman – Covenant Theological Seminary **(12:00)**
- 4. What were the fundamental ideas underlying Descartes' rationalism?**
 - a. Bruce Baugus – Reformed Theological Seminary **(13:50)**
 - b. Steve Blakemore – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(16:45)**
- 5. What were the fundamental ideas underlying Kant's subjectivism?**
 - a. Peter Chow – China Evangelical Seminary, Taiwan **(19:10)**
 - b. Bruce Baugus – Reformed Theological Seminary **(20:15)**
- 6. How can overemphasizing our own responses to the Bible undermine the objective meaning of a text?**
 - a. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(24:20)**
 - b. Vern S. Poythress – Westminster Theological Seminary **(25:25)**
- 7. What are the strengths and weaknesses of following a rigorous methodology in our interpretation of Scripture?**
 - a. Vern S. Poythress – Westminster Theological Seminary **(26:55)**
 - b. Howard Eyrich – Birmingham Theological Seminary **(27:20)**

- c. Bruce Baugus – Reformed Theological Seminary **(29:10)**
- d. Brian J. Vickers – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(30:45)**

8. What is the relationship between Bible study methods and intuition?

- a. Carey Vinzant – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(33:40)**
- b. David R. Bauer – Asbury Theological Seminary **(35:55)**
- c. Stephen J. Bramer – Dallas Theological Seminary **(39:15)**

9. How can our gifts and abilities help or hinder the way we apply the Scriptures?

- a. M. William Ury – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(40:25)**
- b. Dan Doriani – Central Presbyterian Church, Clayton, MO **(43:00)**

10. How should we evaluate interpretations that are different from our own?

- a. Robert L. Plummer – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(45:25)**
- b. Brian J. Vickers – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(48:15)**
- c. David R. Bauer – Asbury Theological Seminary **(49:55)**

11. Why is it important to do more than simply affirm the authority of Scripture?

- a. Michael J. Kruger – Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC
(55:15)
- b. P. J. Buys – Northwest University, South Africa **(56:30)**
- c. John Oswalt – Asbury Theological Seminary **(57:00)**