

**Course: Hermeneutics**  
**Series: He Gave Us Scripture**  
**Discussion Forum Five: The Complexity of Meaning**

- 1. How can we develop the skills we need to understand the original meaning of biblical passages?**
  - a. Robert G. Lister – Talbot School of Theology **(01:05)**
  - b. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(03:40)**
  - c. Jonathan T. Pennington – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(05:25)**
- 2. What is the proper way to use Greek and Hebrew dictionaries when we interpret the Bible?**
  - a. Dan Doriani – Central Presbyterian Church, Clayton, MO **(07:15)**
- 3. Why is it important to identify the genre of a biblical book?**
  - a. David T. Lamb – Biblical Theological Seminary **(09:45)**
  - b. Glen G. Scorgie – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(13:35)**
  - c. John E. McKinley – Talbot School of Theology **(16:00)**
- 4. How did the Reformers' approach to interpretation differ from the *Quadrigo*?**
  - a. Robert L. Plummer – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(17:40)**
  - b. Greg Perry – Covenant Theological Seminary **(20:30)**
- 5. Since many early Christians interpreted the Bible in "spiritual" rather and "literal" ways, is there any benefit to reading their interpretations?**
  - a. Carey Vinzant – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(23:30)**
  - b. Vern S. Poythress – Westminster Theological Seminary **(27:45)**
  - c. Steve Blakemore – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(29:25)**
- 6. How did Paul use allegorical interpretation in his writings?**
  - a. Jonathan T. Pennington – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(33:00)**
  - b. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(34:20)**
- 7. Why is it important to distinguish between Scripture itself and our applications of Scripture?**
  - a. Bruce Baugus – Reformed Theological Seminary **(35:40)**

- b. Carey Vinzant – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(38:15)**
- c. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(40:40)**
- d. P. J. Buys – Northwest University, South Africa **(41:45)**

**8. How does Jesus' teaching on the commandment against murder help us better understand God's commandments in Exodus chapter 20?**

- a. Stephen Um – Citylife Presbyterian Church, Boston **(43:20)**
- b. David W. Chapman – Covenant Theological Seminary **(44:45)**
- c. Thomas J. Nettles – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(46:10)**
- d. Philip Ryken – Wheaton College **(47:55)**

**9. What are some legitimate contemporary applications of the commandment against murder?**

- a. Brian J. Vickers – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(49:25)**
- b. Robert K. MacEwen – East Asia School of Theology **(51:45)**
- c. Robert L. Plummer – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(52:15)**
- d. M. William Ury – Wesley Biblical Seminary **(54:05)**

**10. How can we avoid legalism when we emphasize the behavioral implications of Scripture?**

- a. Andrew Davis – First Baptist Church, Durham, NC **(57:55)**
- b. Philip Ryken – Wheaton College **(59:50)**
- c. Jimmy Agan – Covenant Theological Seminary **(1:00:55)**