

INTRODUCTION

- * In 2012, we began a journey to teach through the Bible over a seven period. However, at times it is necessary to take a quick detour to discuss other matters topically.
- * Over the next couple of weeks, we will be focusing on "how we interpret the Bible."
- * Our lives are a result of what we choose to believe, and how we choose to interpret, the various situations and interactions in which we encounter.
 - Illus: "Good Morning!" ... Do you take that literally, ignorantly, or symbolically?

INSTRUCTION

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF F_____ D_____ THE WORD OF GOD

A. Acts 20:25-27

B. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

C. Hebrews 4:12-13

D. Romans 10:17

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF C_____ H_____ THE WORD OF GOD

A. 2 Timothy 2:14-15

B. Ephesians 4: 11-16

C. James 3:1

D. Ezekiel 3:16-19

E. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

F. 1 Corinthians 15:14-15

G. Revelation 22:18-19

Hence, HOW you interpret what the Bible says IS extremely important!

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW IMPORTANT IS THE BIBLE TO YOU?
WOULD SOMEONE LOOKING AT YOUR DAILY LIFE KNOW?
- * HOW CONCERNED ARE YOU ABOUT INTERPRETING THE BIBLE CORRECTLY?
- * HOW OFTEN DO YOU SPEND TIME READING AND STUDYING THE BIBLE?
WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO UP THAT BY 15 MINUTES?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * How can we, as an assembly, encourage one another in the reading, and studying, of God's Word?
- * How can we, as an assembly, make sure that we stay focused on a literal interpretation of the Bible?