

ABSTRACT

Christians often struggle to hear God speak through the Bible. The problem in part is that sound principles and methods for interpreting the Bible are not known or practiced. Instead, everyone does what is right in their own eyes. Ears to Hear: A Guide for the Interpretation of the Bible is to provide principles, methods, and procedures for Christians as they seek to hear God speak through the Bible and ministers as they study the Bible, apply the message of the Bible to the modern context, and communicate the message of the Bible to those who need a word from God. Unit one provides some guidance for preparing to do biblical interpretation. Units two through four introduce methods and procedures for studying the Bible and determining its original message. Unit five introduces a method and procedures for applying the message of the Bible to contemporary situations. Unit six introduces a method and procedures for preparing sermons and Bible studies that effectively communicate the message of the Bible to modern audiences.