

Q: Why Study Scripture?

A: To answer the fundamental questions of life.

Question:	Spoiler Answer:
Who Is God, and what is He like?	God is the main character of the Bible, the hero of the story.
What has God done?	God Created humanity in His own image to reflect His Glory.
Who am I without God's forgiveness?	A rebellious slave to Satan and sin and death.
Who am I if saved by His Grace?	A Child of God.
How do I live in light of the above?	Walk with Jesus in Love by the power and Counsel of the Word, and His Holy Spirit

Q: How Do I Study Scripture?

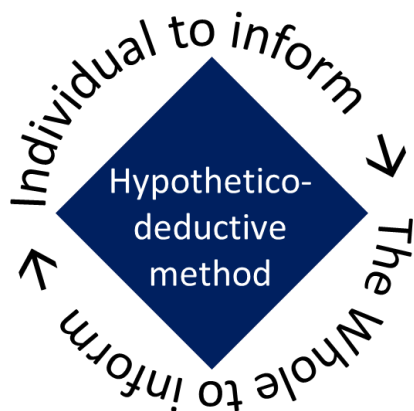
A: Inductive study method

Step:	Spoiler Answer:
Observe	Read Scripture, asking for guidance from the Holy Spirit.
Interpret	Use sound principles of hermeneutics and exegesis.
Apply	Put what I've learned into action.

The *theory* and *practice* of discovering the author's original intent

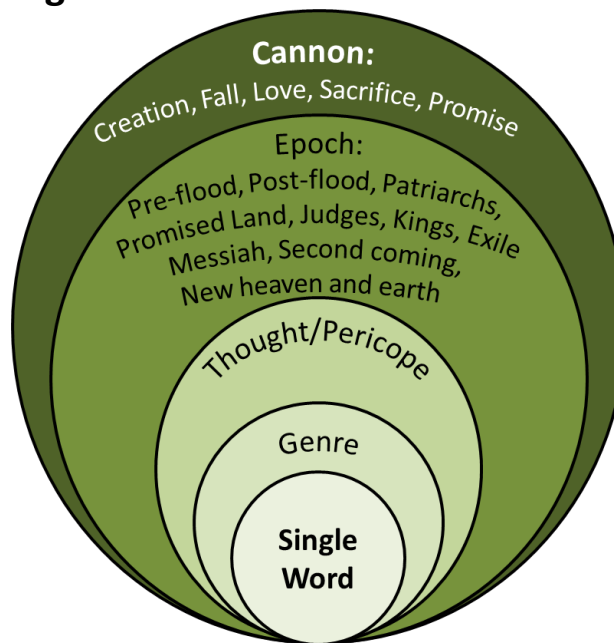
Hermeneutics:

Interpreting Scripture on
Scripture's Terms



Biblical Exegesis:

grammatical-historical method



Genres:

Narrative	History
Parable	Pictorial comparison with something familiar and a spiritual truth or reality
Poetry	Communicates truth and evokes emotion
Wisdom	How to live well in God's world in light of God's character
Prophecy	Speak God's judgement, call to repentance, and proclaim God's salvation
Epistles	Letters of instruction
Apocalyptic	Proclaim Victory of the Kingdom of God

Biblical Horizons of God's Self-Revelation:

Epochs (time)	Covenants (temporal sign-posts)	Canon (grand narrative)
Pre-flood		
Pre-fall	Creation – Gen. 1:26-30; 2:16-17	Creation
Post-fall	Redemption (trinitarian) – Gen. 3:14-19	Fall
Post-Flood		
Expansion	Noahic – Gen. 9:8-17	Love
Patriarchs	Abrahamic – Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:9-21; 17; 18 :19; 22:15-18	
Slavery		
Rescue/Promised Land	Mosaic (Sianaitic) – Ex. 19-24	
Judges		
Kings	Davidic – 2 Samuel 7:5-16	
Exile		
First Advent	Messianic (new) – Lev 26:27-39; Dt 28:36-37, 45-68; Jer 31:31-34	Sacrifice
Second Advent		Promise
New Heaven and Earth		

Pray, Read, Listen in Context, Conclude

How to move from OT Text to Application

