**Interpreting the Bible - Course Description**

This is a self-guided course in interpreting the Bible, using the Bible itself as the only textbook. The course consists of three parts, each in the format of a Discovery Bible Study. As such, each part is designed for study as a group, to help you get the most from God’s Word, consistent with God’s intention when he inspired the original writers of Scripture.

**My video intro:**

God’s Word is an amazing gift to his people. In it he reveals to us his will, including the past, present and future of salvation history. To get the most out of God’s Word, we want to interpret it and apply it in the ways God intends. To help with that, I’ve designed a set of Discovery Bible Studies – so you can discover for yourself some useful principles for interpreting the Bible and easily pass on those principles to others.

This course is in three parts: Part 1. Presents some Essential Truths about God’s Word. Part 2. Presents Seven Questions for Good Understanding and Application of Scripture. Part 3. Offers Tips for Deeper Understanding of the Bible, including guidance for 13 different Types of Literature in the Bible. These three sets of Discovery Bible Studies are the essence of the course.

I’ve also included an Appendix with a few useful guidelines for Shaping Doctrine from Scripture. And I’ve included a set of Trainer’s notes, which contain the same sets of Discovery Bible Studies, with a few optional hints of possible directions for guiding a study.