

## **The Bible is the Word of God**

**2 Peter 1:20-21** *knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

## **God's Word must be handled with respect**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

## **Translations should aid in our understanding of the Word of God**

1. Word for Word
2. Thought for Thought
3. Paraphrase

## **How we interpret reveals our intentions**

Exegesis – Receiving meaning out of the text

Eisegesis – Reading meaning into the text

## **Discussion Questions**

1. How do you approach the Bible knowing it is the Word of God and not simply the work of man?
2. Do you have a preferred translation of the Bible? How might different translations provide additional insight?
3. How do the techniques of Exegesis and Eisegesis change our interpretation the Bible?
4. How can we faithfully use the Bible to guide us regarding topics that are not directly addressed in Scripture?