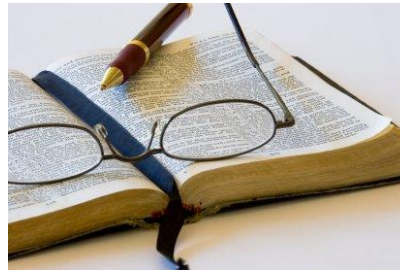


SERMON NOTES

**Series: Building Upon the Firm
Foundation of God's Word**
**Title: By Understanding What God
Wants Me to Learn**
Text: Mathew 7:24;
**Topic: How Does God Want Me to
Learn from His Word?**

Teacher: Pastor Barry. Time: 5/29/2022



“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like that wise man who built his house on the rock.” Mathew 7:24

Review series: The Bible is the **inspired** Word of God, and is trustworthy.

The purpose of the Bible is not to inform you its to **transform** you. The **Holy Spirit** shows me what God wants me to see in the Bible. Today we begin a mini-series on how I can know what a specific verse or passage means?

There are **correct** ways to interpret the Bible and there are **incorrect** ways.

You can you do a good Bible study.

The secret of a great Bible study is learning to **ask the right questions**.

All questions in every good Bible study fall into one of four categories ...observation, interpretation, correlation, and application.

I. Observation: What does it **say**?

You write down what you observe. The difference between Bible reading and Bible study is you use a pencil.

II. Interpretation: What does it **mean**?

The Bible means what it means.

In communication, we often use words that don't **literally mean** what they say.

In the Bible you can often know what a passage means by looking at the **context** around it.

Words often have **many different** meanings. What a word means is based on the context.

III. Correlation: What **other verses** explain it?

The best commentary on the Bible is the **Bible**.

Use what's clear to explain **what's unclear**.

IV. Application: What am I going to **do** about it?

“How does it **apply** to me today?”