

How to Read the Scriptures

In the medieval period, the Scriptures were being copied by hand, which meant they were tremendously expensive because they were so labor intensive to produce. The movable type press made copies much more affordable, and once the the Bible was translated into the “vulgar” or common languages of Europe, any literate person could read the Bible for themselves and see that many of the medieval teachings were not in Scripture.

There is a difference between the availability and accessibility of the Scriptures and the ability read them faithfully. The Scriptures are written for all people, but for people to understand them, they must be aware of the ways the Scriptures were written. At Bedford Road, we follow a grammatical-historical interpretation of Scripture.

- **GRAMMATICAL-LINGUISTIC CONTEXT:** Language is something we all use all the time, but it is actually quite complicated and nuanced. This is doubly true when something is translated. Knowledge not just of our language but the meaning and syntax of the biblical languages opens up the power of the text.
- **HISTORICAL CONTEXT:** Understanding the world into which the Scriptures were inspired is important. Words change in meaning over time, and imagery can lose its significance if we do not know what it is referring to. We also have to be aware of how the Scriptures were interpreted in the context between the author and his original audience and us. Often, our thinking is colored by events in this timeframe and our own; and we need to understand the original context to really get the depth of the text.

Financial Summary

2023 Budget	\$224,885	Budget to Date	\$142,725
Weekly Budget	\$4,325	Giving to Date	\$148,228

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*Creating environments where people
encounter Jesus and journey together*

Today's Worship

"What a Beautiful Name It Is"

© 2016, Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood, CCLI 7068424

"Come What May"

©2021, Darren Mulligan and Jeff Pardo, CCLI #7167021

- Lord's Table -

"Doxology"

"Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)"

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"The Blessing"

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- Exploring the Scriptures Together -

Upcoming Events

August

- 20 Child Safety Training with Pastor Erik, after worship gathering
- 27 Barbecue Lunch after worship gathering
- New Members' Workshop after lunch

September

- 2 Southern NH Rescue Mission
- 3 Ministry Team Leaders Meeting, after worship
- 10 God's Backyard Launch
- 13 Perspectives on the Church, 7:00pm
- 23 Men's Breakfast, 9:00am
- 30 Ladies' Ministry, 9:15am



The Mess They Made with Worship and Teaching

(1 Corinthians 14:1-40)

The Big Idea:

Nursery is provided 9:30-11:30am for children ages 0-3.
 Our children's ministry (God's Backyard) for ages 4-10 will be dismissed
 right before the message.