

1. Why Read the Bible? (DD introduction)
 - a. Hear from God
 - b. Hear about God
 - c. Path to and assurance of salvation
 - d. Grow as a response to God's Character
2. Ways we read the Bible Wrong (LBB Chapter 28)
 - a. *What does this passage mean to you?*
 - b. Misreading: "I am a way" instead of "I am the way"
 - c. Distorting: Reading meaning *into* a text that is difficult to understand (2 Pe. 3:16)
 - d. Contradicting: denying the heart of God's Word (the serpent in Gen 3:1-4)
 - e. Subjectivism: My reaction to the text determines meaning
 - f. Relativism: The modern reader's context determines meaning
 - g. Overconfidence: My long-held theology determines meaning
3. How We read the Bible as: (DD Chapter 1)
 - a. A Historical Document (written between 1500 BC and 100 AD)
 - b. A Non-English Document (Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic)
 - c. A Divine Document (2 Tim. 3:16)
 - d. A Human Document
4. The Primary things going forward: (DD Chapters 1-2)
 - a. Contextualism: the original author's intent determines meaning
 - b. Inerrancy vs. Trustworthiness