Hearing God’s Voice in the Pages of Scripture

Session #4: The Transformation the Bible Brings

How do we read the Bible not only to know God better but also to be transformed by his authoritative word in the whole of life?

I. Readers and Authority

‘The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.’ (UCCF Doctrinal Basis)

II. Readers and Reading

1. Reading with humility
2. Reading with others
3. Reading in a spiral
4. Reading for the two horizons
5. Reading as a progressive experience
6. Reading ethically
7. Reading in context

III. Readers and Transformation

Further Reading

One book to read:

Books on interpreting and applying the Bible:

An abridgement of a fuller work by the authors (see below), this is a very helpful book for newcomers to the area, with separate chapters covering the major types of
literature in the Bible as well as issues related to interpretation and application more generally.


A recommended ‘workbook’ type of introduction to exegesis and application. Its earlier editions tended to be a little simplistic, I think, in its discussion of moving from the Bible to today, though this section of the book has been helpfully expanded in subsequent editions.


**Books on application:**

Some of the books mentioned here look at application from the perspective of the preaching task, but remain helpful even for those who are not preachers.


Chris Green, *Cutting to the Heart: Applying the Bible in Teaching and Preaching* (IVP, 2015).


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