

Series: The WORD

Sermon: Revealed Intent

Bible Verses: Various

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BIG QUESTION: Why is the "TRUTH" and "POWER" in the Bible _____ sometimes (or to some people)?

BIG TRUTH #1: God's word must be _____. To those who don't believe, some things in the Bible seem foolish, while to us who know Jesus it seems powerful (1 Cor 1:18). This is because the _____ helps us interpret and understand the Bible (1 Cor 2:14).

We must _____ that we will understand and for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to the Truth of God's word.

Whitefield: I began to read the **holy Scriptures** upon my knees, laying aside all other books, and **praying over**, if possible, **every line and word**. This proved meat indeed and drink indeed to my soul. I **daily** received fresh life, light, and power from above. I got more true knowledge from reading **the book of God** in one month than I could ever have acquired from all the writings of men.

The Bible was written by _____, who were carried along by the _____ (2 Peter 1:21). This means both God and the men he chose played an important role in writing the Scriptures.

BIG TRUTH #2: I cannot interpret the Bible however _____ or feel. I must ask, what was the intent of _____, and what was the intent of _____ in sharing this?

Questions to ask when reading the Bible: Does a particular author like to use key phrases? What was God's reasoning for including this? Sometimes, you cannot understand the _____, unless you know something about the author.

The question, when reading the Bible, is not, "What do I think this means?" but "What was the author trying to say?" My interpretation is only true _____ what the author intended.