He Gave Us Scripture
Study Guide 4.3
Lesson 4: Approaches to Meaning
Section 3: Dialogical

OUTLINE FOR TAKING NOTES

III. Dialogical

A. Background

B. Influence

C. Comparison

  1. Authority-Dialog and Objective

  2. Authority-Dialog and Subjective

Conclusion

REVIEW QUESTIONS

4.3.1 What is the "dialogical" approach to interpreting Scripture?

4.3.2 According to the lesson, does a Bible text has objective meaning?

4.3.3 What theologian is known for proposing the model of interpretation of Scripture called the "hermeneutical circle"?

4.3.4 What is meant by the "hermeneutical spiral"?

4.3.5 Thomas Kuhn argued that scientific knowledge results from interactions between objective reality and our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4.3.6 What does Hans-Georg Gadamer mean when he speaks of a "horizon"?

4.3.7 What does Hans-Goerg Gadamer mean when he speaks of interpreting meaning in terms of the "fusion of two horizons"?

4.3.8 What is the particular way that Evangelicals practice the "dialog" method of interpretation of Scripture?

4.3.9 Which approach does to interpreting Scripture does the lesson prefer?

4.3.10 What do objectivism and subjectivism have in common with regard to interpreting Scripture?

4.3.11 What does the lesson mean by "authority-dialog"?

4.3.12 What do "objectivism" and the "authority-dialog" method have in common?

4.3.13 What do "subjectivism" and the "authority-dialog" method have in common?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How could you use the "dialogical" method of interpreting a Bible passage? Try it briefly with Psalm 23:1. a) Write down your initial thoughts about the verse. b) Next, think about the author. What circumstances might have led him to write this? Write your thoughts. c) Reflect on what the verse might have meant to the original audience, and write down more thoughts. d) Think about people around you. What are their needs? Write down more thoughts about the meaning of the verse. e) Finally, reflect on your own situation and write down more thoughts about the meaning of this verse. Now note how you modified your understanding of the verse as you "dialogued" with it.

2. What is the most significant thing you learned in this whole lesson?