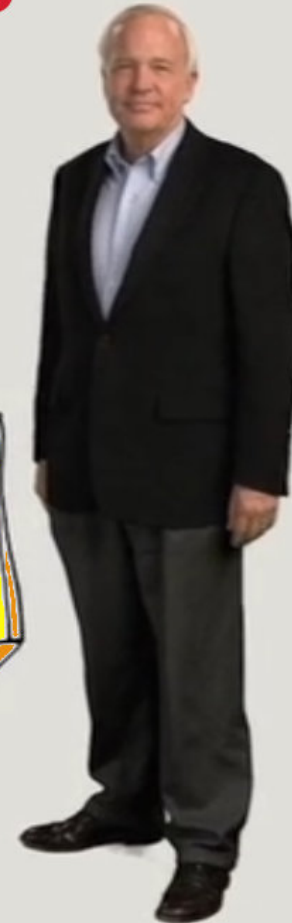


Animate Bible Series

Session 6 - Interpreting the Bible

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Will Willomon's tools for interpreting the Bible

- 1. It's all about God.**
- 2. Context matters.**
- 3. Jesus is the final Word.**
- 4. This isn't solo work.**
- 5. Pray.**



5 tools to interpret Scripture

Tool 1: It's all about God

- Read the 10 Commandments and ask:
- “What does this tell me about God?” of each

Tool 3: Jesus is the final Word

- How do you see Jesus in:
 - Psalm 1
 - “walks not in the counsel of the wicked”
 - “does not stand with sinners”
 - Isaiah 53:1-9
 - “despised and rejected”
 - “wounded for our transgressions”
 - Matthew 9:11-13
 - “eats with tax collectors and sinners”
 - “I came to call sinners”

Tool 5: This isn't Solo Work

- Turning interpretation over to the community brings risks:
 - wrong-headed ideas
 - disagreements
 - baggage of previous experiences
 - group think
- How do you feel about those risks?

How does the Bible affect you?

- Choose 1 how it affects you right now:
 - bores into my soul
 - grabs me by the neck and shakes me
 - sends me in a new direction
 - gives me a new insight every time I read it
 - challenges my faith or beliefs
 - doesn't affect me in any way at all

Thy Word Is a Lamp

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Refrain (Unison)

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a

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light un-to my path. 1. When I feel a-fraid,
2. Now I will not for-get your

think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me, and
love for me and yet my heart for-ev-er is wan-der-ing.

noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

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Please be near me to the end.
I will love you to the end.

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And a light unto my path.

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Refrain

Now I will not forget your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and
I will love you to the end.

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Additional Resources

"The Art of Reading Scripture", Ellen F. Davis and Richard B. Hays. Wm. B. Eerdmanns, 2003.

"Shaped by the Bible", William H. Willomon. Abingdon, 1991.

Clyde Rupert offers a class called "[Chronological Jesus](#)" that is open to only 20 students, so register soon!