

Lesson Eight: The Principles of Biblical Interpretation



Day One

Read Nehemiah 8:2–8.

What exactly were the Levites doing as recorded in verses 7–8?

Instructing the people in the book of the Law by reading from it, making it clear, and giving the meaning. (They were making the Word of God understandable and applicable.)

Day Two

According to Psalm 119:130 what gives light and understanding? (Note: the term “unfolding” is translated “expound” in Psalm 49:4.) **The unfolding or expounding of God’s words**

Day Three

What does Luke 24:32 mean when it states that Jesus “opened the Scriptures?”

He read and explained the Word of God.

Day Four

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1–17.

Who wrote 1 Corinthians? **The Apostle Paul**

To whom did he write? **To the church at Corinth**

Why did he write to them? **To address problems that had developed**

From whom did he get his information about them? **The house of Chloe**

Day Five

Read 1 Corinthians 7.

What is the issue discussed in this chapter? **Divorce and marriage**

How did Paul know this was a problem? (See verse 1) **They had written to him about it.**

Day Six

Read 1 Corinthians 8–14.

List some other problems about which Paul wrote: **Eating of food offered to idols**

The Lord's Supper**Spiritual gifts, particularly "tongues"**

How do you suppose Paul knew about these problems?

They had written to him about them.