**HOW TO READ THE BIBLE**

**Begin with the most logical way.**

**Normal, grammatical, historical, inerrant pattern is best.**

**Discuss reading other types of literature based on expectations. (Follow directions to produce desired results.)**

**Cf. Instruction manuals, recipes, self-help books, maps,**

**Note frustrations which led to other methods. (Explain allegorical method as the “normal” way in ancient schools.)**

**Dead orthodoxy and dissected Scriptures led to search for Christ “above and beyond” the Bible.**

**Discuss why the Bible is not simply a human production.**

**Discuss inerrancy – putting mans’ opinions above the Bible**

**Discuss canonicity and tell why Apocrypha is not Scripture**

**Talk about “extra-biblical revelation” JW’s, Mormons, Quran**

**Teach inductive Bible study methods / observation – interpretation – application – review**

**Plain things are the main things / Main things are the plain things**

**Let Scripture interpret Scripture**

**Discuss what is lost by treating the Bible skeptically**

**Stress the value of memorizing Scripture**

**Evangelistic Bible studies**

**Biblical counseling**