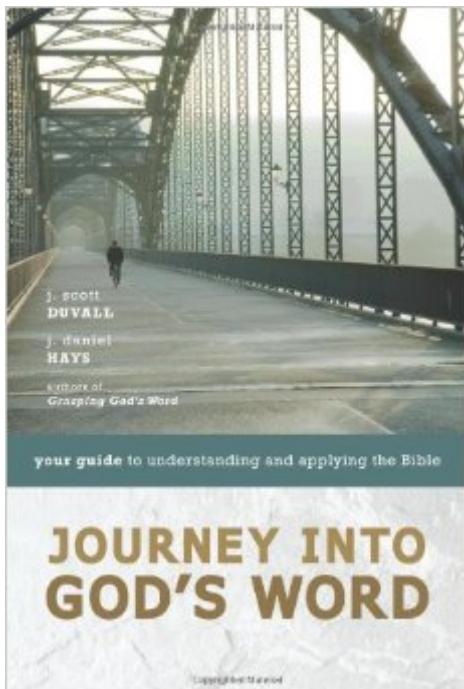


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# Journey Into God's Word: Your Guide To Understanding And Applying The Bible



## **Synopsis**

Life is a journey, and like any journey, it requires an accurate, reliable roadmap to get us where we need to go. God has provided such a guide in his Word. But just as a navigator needs to learn how to interpret all the contours and symbols of a map, so also we need to be able to understand how the Bible communicates its directions to us. *Journey Into God's Word* helps Bible readers acquire these skills and become better at reading, interpreting, and applying the Bible to life. This abridgment of the bestselling college/seminary textbook *Grasping God's Word* takes the proven principles from that book and makes them accessible to people in the church. It starts with general principles of interpretation, then moves on to apply those principles to specific genres and contexts. Hands-on exercises guide readers through the interpretation process, with an emphasis on real-life application.

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This condensation of the text book version "Grasping God's Word" is a fantastic resource for all Christians and students of scripture. The best chapter is probably "What Do We Bring to the Text?" as it explores our predispositions to read the Bible with our pre-understandings rather than applying good, universal interpretative principles to truly "grasp" the author's intent.

The book, *Journey Into God's Word*, was assigned as part of a college class of mine. I was very impressed with the simplicity that the authors use in their approach to understanding scriptures.

They employ a simple four step approach that includes:1. Grasping what the text meant to the original audience.2. Discovering the differences between that audience and today's reader. i.e. culture, situation.3. Identifying the theological principle(s) in the text.4. How should individual Christians today apply the theological principle in their lives? I appreciate how the book focuses on practical application of God's word in everyday living and gives helpful methods on how to understand what the author of the biblical text was saying and what it means to the modern audience. Clear, concise and to the point, this book is great for those who are new to studying scripture's as it gives them a fantastic and well balanced approach to studying.

This is a highly readable intro to Biblical Hermeneutics. I just used it to introduce this topic to an adult Bible class with 30+ people - I recommended this book! Reviewer Joyce is mistaken regarding the Kindle vs. Print version of this book. The OT 'narrative' section she says is "missing" is not in either version of this book, but is in Duvall/Hays longer book on this topic: *Grasping God's Word*. Joyce's resulting 2-star rating is unfortunate.

This book was purchased for a college class. It gives an approach to studying the Bible. It encourages one to delve deeper than the superficial story and exam aspects of the Bible such as culture, genre, what the Bible was saying to the people of the time etc in order to prevent misinterpreting it.

I highly recommend this book for the everyday 'Believer' who isn't in seminary or college. This book is perfect for the layman that desires to understand the foundational principles of Biblical hermeneutics and exegesis without having to decipher the technical terms. Every day analogies are used to help illustrate the techniques and observations needed to better understand the Bible.

This is an amazing tool to assist in understanding the Bible. It helps you cross the gap between Biblical times and now, and gives a method for applying the Word to the here and now. I'd highly recommend it for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the Bible.

Amazingly helpful introduction to Hermeneutics and the study of the Bible. I taught a class at my church and used this as the text book to help our people understand what God is truly saying.

This is a great addition to anyone's personal study library. It came highly recommended and it has

been very beneficial in my personal Bible study.

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