

## Lesson Plan 10-19-14

- **Review Bible**

Bible is broken down into two major sections. Old and New Testaments

The Bible is not just one book but many books written by many authors.

In the Bible there are many different types of writings; poetry, Prayers, hymns, narratives, biographies, letters, proverbs. Some of the authors are well known while others are not.

### **Overall theme of the Bible is about LOVE**

- Story of God's Love for His creation
- Love for human beings
- Love for each of us individually
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### **What does the Bible tell us?**

Who God is  
What it means to be a human being and our purpose for life  
How each of us should respond to God's love  
It tells us answers to all questions concerning life

The Bible is the book of the **Church** It is the **Church** that provides the proper interpretation of the Scriptures, because the **Church** is guided by the **Holy Spirit**

**Interpreting the Bible – understanding what the Bible says \*\*\* there can be NO PRIVATE interpretation of the Bible\*\*\*\*** When we read the Bible it is personal, meaning that Jesus will speak to you, but we will need guidance

Read II Peter 1:20 “ first of all, you must understand this: no prophecy for Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation “The Holy Spirit provides the proper context for understanding the Bible. The Bible is to be understood within the Church. We learn by consulting the lives and writings of the Saints, the texts of worship, icons, Bishop's and Priest's

Read Acts 8:30-31 ----- all of us are in the same position as the Ethiopian . The Bible will not always be self-explanatory – it will not always make obvious sense

**\*\*\*\*\* Not all Christian's interpret the Bible the same\*\*\*\*\*Example: John 6:53-56**

Orthodox study notes see this as Communion, while others see it as reading the Bible more and more.

Other Churches do not Worship as we do in Orthodoxy. They do not understand Communion as we do.

We understand the Bible within the Tradition of the Church and the Bible is the center or core of that tradition. The two cannot be separated.

- **Liturgy and the Bible**

Look at the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom and just how much the Bible is quoted in Liturgy

We Pray the Bible during every Liturgy

1. Epistle and Gospel readings
2. Lord's Prayer ----- Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4
3. Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ --- II Corinthians 13:13
4. Holy, Holy, Holy God --- Isaiah 6:1-5

If we attend The Liturgy attentively we will learn to **Pray** the Bible

Romans 15:4 – II Timothy 3: 15-16