



# How to Read and Interpret Scripture

The Bible isn't one book.

It is a collection of many books, written over many centuries, reflecting several cultures and three different languages. We Christians believe that even with all that in mind, there was one author, and he knew that you, in 21st-century Ohio, would be reading his book!

Books are different from one another. For example, there is fiction and nonfiction: children and adult stories, action stories and romances. The Bible is similar in that it has many types of literature. The Bible has history, law, stories, poetry, wisdom literature, letters, something called apocalyptic literature, allegories and more. Several of the books have multiple types of literature within one book. The gospels alone, for example, have genealogies, biographies, history, teaching, question and answer sessions, parables, and folk wisdom.

What does it mean to interpret the Bible literally? Each book is an opportunity to think about how we should read, interpret and apply Biblical teaching. We'll look at passages that represent various types of writing and think carefully about how each type should be interpreted.

We have eight weeks, and so we'll take eight selections that help us to think about how to read that particular kind of scripture.

We hope that you will join us at LCF for our

## **Fall Adult Discipleship Class**

Sunday mornings from 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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