Text: Various Topics: Interpretation, Illumination, Word of God Series: The Written Word Monroe Bible Church January 22, 2023 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

I Don't Understand It? (part 2)

I. The Merit <u>Intake & application</u> of God's Word is of great value to one's life.
II. The Meaning One must not violate basic <u>principles</u> of <u>interpretation</u>.

III. The Must

God's Word is unique because it is *living* and *powerful*...

Everyone needs the help of the *Holy Spirit* to understand the *meaning* of God's Word.

IV. The Most

To gain the value God's Word can give it must be *received* and *applied* to *life*.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read Deuteronomy 32:46-47; John 6:63; and Hebrews 4:12. What words are used to describe God's Word? How does the presence, or absence, of God's Word in your life affect your life?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 2:12-14. What do these verses tell us about who can understand God's Word, and how?

3. In 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 Paul refers to 2 kinds of Christians, and says that the kind affects their ability to receive God's Word. Describe what characterizes your thinking and conduct when you are like one of them, then, when like the other.

4. Where do John 14:16-17, 26; and Galatians 5:16-17 tell us to look for help in understanding the Word of God?

5. Read the parable of The Sower and the Seed in Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23. What do all 4 "soils" have in common? Can you give an example of what it was like when you were each "soil"?

6. Read James 1:22-25. Who is the blessed person and why?

7. What one thing can you do or change to better take in and apply God's Word?