



BIBLE STUDY: Mining the Text (Circular Study)

Discovery comes as a result of inquiry

Just because you know how to dig...doesn't mean that you know what it means to mine.

What are you trying to discover?

Where to dig?

What tools to use?

What is the method of mining?

No wasted words, every name, word, every construct, every relationship has some meaning

Context

Author

Author's Purpose/Genre

Look Fors – “Wet Spots”

Literary Structure

Repeated/Emphasized Words

Repeated Themes

Terms of Theophany

Similar Concepts in other Scriptures/ Story parallels

Instances/ similarities in Nature

Historical Similarities

Perspective

Protagonist

Antagonist

Hearers

Observer

God's

1 Samuel 17 -David and Goliath