



## SESSION V: THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

“The Holy Scriptures, commonly called the Bible, are the books of the Old and New Testaments; other books, called the Apocrypha, are often included in the Bible. We call them the Word of God because God inspired their human authors and because God still speaks to us through the Bible. We understand the meaning of the Bible by the help of the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church in the true interpretation of the Scriptures” (BCP pages 853-854).

Old Testament:

1. Number of books:
  - a. Categories

New Testament:

2. Number of books:
  - a. Categories:



Apocrypha:

3. Number of Books:

Facets of Interpretation:

1. Primary & Secondary sense (plain sense)
  - a. Primary: Author's Intent
  - b. Secondary: Reader's interpretation
2. Context
3. Canonical interpretation (unity of the scriptures)
4. Ecclesial Role (Counciliar Input, Dogma)

Interpretation:

Q: If we want to understand what the text says, what is one of the first things we should do?

A:

Q: And how do we come to understand something that is written down?

A:

Everybody wants Jesus...