How to Study the Bible
Session 6: The Four Senses of Scripture

1. Review *Dei Verbum* 12
   
   a. Content and unity of the whole of Scripture
   
   b. Living Tradition of the whole Church
   
   c. Coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation

2. Literal sense of Scripture
   
   a. Meaning the author intended to convey
   
   b. All other senses based on the literal sense
   
   c. *Hosea 2:4-22*

3. Spiritual senses (allegorical, moral, eschatological)

4. Allegorical (typological) sense
   
   a. Understanding all Scripture in light of Christ
   
   b. *1 Corinthians 10:1-4*
   
   c. Allegorical reading of *Hosea 2:4-22*
5. Moral sense
   
   a. Instruction for right living
   
   b. 1 Corinthians 10:6-11
   
   c. Moral reading of Hosea 2:4-22

6. Eschatological (anagogical) sense
   
   a. Understanding Scripture and our lived experience in terms of our final end, the Church as the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22)
   
   b. Eschatological reading of Hosea 2:4-22

7. Nehemiah 8:1-12

8. Tobit 8:1-18

9. Psalm 42

10. Lectio divina
   
   a. Lectio (Read)
   
   b. Meditatio (Meditate)
   
   c. Oratio (Pray)
   
   d. Contemplatio (Contemplate)