

**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)