## Listening

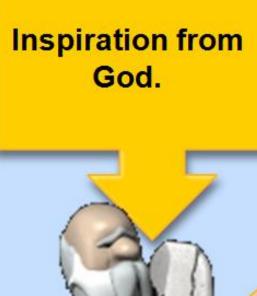
Jeremiah 23:16-32

#### Jeremiah 23:16a

This is what the Lord Almighty says:
"Do not listen to what the prophets
are prophesying to you;

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- 3. When preachers try to make a name for themselves instead of Jesus.
- 4. When preachers stop telling God's Word just like it says!



From the author's cultural perspective, communicating God's Word to the culture of the original audience.

Truths that transcend time and space

Trying to understand from our own contemporary cultural perspectives.

Any contemporary interpretation of scripture must correspond to the meaning intended by the author and understood by the ancient reader.

# 5. When preachers steal one another's sermons!

Jeremiah 23:30-31

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"Therefore," declares the Lord, "I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me.

#### Jeremiah 23:31

Yes," declares the Lord, "I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, 'The Lord declares.'

#### John 12:49-50

For I did not speak on my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

# 6. When preachers' preaching doesn't lead to Jesus!

Jeremiah 23:32

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Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," declares the Lord. "They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least," declares the Lord.

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#### Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."