**The Prerequisite**: Discipleship is impossible without existent eternal life, found only through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

**Bible Study Foundations**

* Believe that scripture is the actual inspired word of God, inerrant and accurate
* Understand that Scripture is to be understood Literally & in context
* Stand firm upon the fact that no passage in the Bible questions or is intended to bring into question the eternal destination of one who has faith in Christ

**Inspiration & Inerrancy**

* The Bible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be written by God.
	+ 2 Peter 1:21,2 Tim 3:16, 2 Peter 3:14-16
* If Scripture claims to be written by God, it must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or it is not an inspired work of God.
	+ John 17:17, 2 Samuel 7:28, Titus 1:2

**Understanding Scripture**

* Literally
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meaning of the text; One sense of the text
	+ Plain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language – John 6:25
* One “sense”- the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the test
	+ Neh 8:8, Acts 8:26-34
	+ If the first sense makes sense, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
* Context
	+ A text without context is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for error
		- Examples of commonly out of context passages
			* Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 10:9-10
		- The word “save/saved”

**Study with an Assurance Context!**

* We know that those who believe in Jesus have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
	+ John 5:24, John 3:16, Romans 4:5
* So when we encounter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ passages
	+ Hebrews 6:1-8, 10:26-31, Phil 2:12
* We can confidently press on knowing we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
	+ John 11:25-26