**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

**Developing Discipleship Discernment**

* **Build a Scriptural Foundation**
  + ***Arm Yourself with the Scripture***
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”
  + ***Employ Sound Weapon Handling***
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so”
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “unstable people twist to their own destruction”
* **Consider Your Ideas**
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “…bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ”
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”
  + “The most important thoughts we think, are those \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about God”  
     -- Unknown attributed to Dr. Hendricks
* **Exegete Your Teachers**
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing…”
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you…”
  + ​\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits”