

## Bible Seminar: Understanding the Bible

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”  
2 Timothy 2:15*

### Understanding the Bible is Hard:

- Bible Study Can Seem Irrelevant –  
*“It’s not practical”*
- Bible Study Can Seem Inaccessible –  
*“I’m not smart enough”*
- Bible Study Can Seem Unnecessary –  
*“It’s not my job”*
- Bible Study Can Seem Unimportant –  
*“I don’t have time”*
- Bible Study Can Seem Unreliable –  
*“I have my doubts”*



- Bible Study Can Seem **Impossible** –  
*“It’s too foreign”*
  - A Foreign Time
  - A Foreign Culture
  - A Foreign Geography
  - A Foreign Language

### Understanding the Bible is Necessary:

- Bible Study Is Essential for Spiritual **Growth**  
– *1 Peter 2:2*
- Bible Study Is Essential for Spiritual **Maturity**  
– *Hebrews 5:11-14*
- Bible Study Is Essential for Spiritual **Effectiveness** – *2 Tim. 3:16-17*

## Understanding the Bible is Required: (2 Timothy 2:15):

- Bible Students Must Be **Faithful** – “workman” (*ergates* – “a laborer”)
- Bible Students Must Be **Committed** – “do your best” (*spoudazo* – “be diligent with haste”)
- Bible Students Must Be **Careful** – “rightly handling” (*orthotomeo* – “cutting a straight path”)
- Bible Students Must Be **Accountable** – “one approved” (*dokizamo* – “testing to approve”)



## Understanding the Bible is Unique:

- The Bible Is A **Revealed** Text
- The Bible Is An **Inspired** Text
- The Bible Is An **Authoritative** Text
- The Bible Is An **Inerrant** Text

## Understanding the Bible is Possible:

- Skill No. 1: **Learn to See**

*<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*