

## **Bible Seminar: Understanding the Bible – Skill No. 3: Learn the Context**

*“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*

### **Review:**

- Skill No. 1: Learn to See
- Skill No. 2: Learn to Read

### **Skill No. 3: Learn the Context**

- **Why** You Must Learn the Context:
  - To Avoid Misinterpreting **Words**
  - To Avoid Misinterpreting **Phrases**
  - To Avoid Misinterpreting **Verses**



- To Avoid Misinterpreting **Passages**

- To Avoid Misinterpreting **Books**

- **How to Learn the Context**

- Study **Words**

- *Identify Key Words*

- *Define Meaning in Original Language*

- Study **Verses**

- *Identify Key Nouns*

- *Identify Key Verbs*

- *Identify Key Connective Words*

- Study **Paragraphs**
  - *Rewrite or Outline Paragraph*
  
  - *Identify Main Idea*
  
- Study **Chapters**
  - *Read and Reread Carefully*
  
  - *Identify Main Idea*
  
  - *Outline the Chapter*
  
- Study **Books**
  - *Read Entire Book Quickly*
  
  - *Determine Main Idea*
  
  - *Determine Main Divisions*



- **Recommend Resources for Bible Study**
  - **A Study Bible** – Full Bible Text with Brief Footnoted Commentary
  - **Commentaries** – Detailed Interpretation of a Biblical Book
  - **Concordance** – Alphabetical List of Biblical Words and Usage in Bible
  - **Bible Dictionary** – In-depth Definitions of Biblical Terms and Concepts
  - **Bible Atlas** – Provides Geographical Context of Bible Passages