Intro:
- previous lessons in series:
  - Why is Bible study important?
  - How do we study the Bible? (Part I)
    - purpose of Bible study, process to come to know God’s word
    - Bible study tips: read, examine (search), study with a teacher, repetition
  - How do we study the Bible? (Part II)
    - know yourself, and the way you learn
  - How do we study the Bible? (Part III)
    - principles of interpretation
  - How do we study the Bible? (Part IV)
    - brief overview of authority

- this lesson:
  - How do we study the Bible? (Part V)
    - tips on how to search the Scriptures

Review: major points regarding how to study the Bible
- read the Bible
- search the Scriptures – this lesson
- study with a teacher
- repetition
- know yourself and the way you learn, apply
- apply the basic principles of interpretation taught in God’s word
- draw conclusion by establishing authority

Review: the need to search the Scripture
- Acts 17:11 Bereans examined (searched) the Scriptures
  - not just listen to Paul teach and believe on that alone, they took what he said and examined the Scriptures if see if what he said was true

- examine (search) means to “sift up and down, make careful and exact research as in legal processes (as in Acts 4:9; 12:19, etc.) the Scriptures for themselves” (Robertson)
  - when we examine the Scriptures, we meticulously go over them to understand exactly what is said, and go to great measures to put our ideas and the ideas of others to the test compared to God’s word
  - illus.: research paper at school – meticulous, arduous, laborious, hard work - “boring” but necessary

- this lesson: tips on how to examine (search) the Scriptures
  - limited mostly to online resources, since this is what’s available to most people today
example study project: come to understanding of baptism in Acts 2:38 – only dealing with “baptism”

- controversy: baptized to obtain forgiveness, or be baptized because always forgiven

PP: review process

BibleStudyGuide.org overview
- review: top nav bar
- review: side nav bar
- review: Reference section

Read the Scripture
- read Scripture - online Bible
  - Acts 2:38
    - click: to read chapter
    - click: to see cross references, then click on Scriptures

read different translations:
  - Acts 2:38
    - translations: NAS, ASV, KJV, NKJ, NIV, Green’s and Young’s literal translations
    - review: words, different translations, important differences (for, to, unto)

Search the Bible for keywords and phrases (English)
- Bible search key words:
  - baptism: 1 Pet. 3:21 – baptism, saved
  - baptized: Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3 – baptized, saved, for forgiveness of sin, wash away sins, into Christ
  - baptizing: Matt. 28:19 – baptize, to make disciples – not disciple until baptized
Study important words
- search Bible dictionaries
  - Vine’s: “baptize” review 1A (beginning only), immerse
  - caution: dictionaries are prejudice, so must be careful, Vine’s proven to be very good

- English concordances
  - Nave’s: “baptism” click on Matt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Jn. 3:5, 22, born again when baptized
  - note: not have time to research “born of water and the Spirit” in this illustration, but would want to research
    - Eph. 5:26 washing of water by the word
    - Acts 22:16 baptized, wash away sins
    - Tit. 3:5 God saved us, washing of regeneration and renewing of Holy Spirit
    - Acts 2:28 receive gift of Holy Spirit when baptized

- Greek
  - online Bible
    - lookup Acts 2:38
    - click: “Greek” (not have link to Greek regarding “for”)
  - change version
    - change to KJV Strong’s Version
    - click: “for” (warning: definitions can be denominationally biased)
      - Strong’s: 1519
  - Reference/Greek Resources:
    - lookup #1519 in Greek Lexicon
    - definition (biased: could have two meanings)
    - review: Acts 3:19 “so” – Acts 2:38 repent and be baptized, result is forgiveness of sins

-------- have good understanding of baptism in Acts 2:38, but let’s see if there’s something else we’ve not found, or issues we don’t know about
- immersion, born again when baptized, saved when baptized, become a disciple when baptized
- saved after baptized, not before
Study comments from men—some will have correct interpretation, some incorrect, gives experience with different interpretations, helps us see if we should study more issues—research paper: gathering and confirming info

- BibleStudyGuide.org: articles/baptism
  - click: “What is baptism? Is baptism essential to be saved?”
    - definition: confirm what learned
    - history: important information about false doctrines
    - Baptist / Hiscox
    - “in Christ” important phrase, saw in Rom. 6:3—more info that confirms conclusion
    - Scriptures to examine regarding heretical doctrines—more info that confirms conclusion
    - infant baptism

- BibleStudyGuide.org: Topical Scripture Guide
  - Baptist:
    - review: first points
  - Baptism: “For” in Acts 2:38—confirms conclusion
    - review: intro, false claim, Bible translations, commentator translations
    - review: quotes from reference works
  - baptized, the end of which is remission of sins

- BibleStudyGuide.org: audio lessons
  - review titles
    - review: audio, outline, PowerPoint (SlideCasts news)
  - “Baptism For the Remission of Sins”—confirms conclusion
    - click: outline

- BibleStudyGuide.org: eBooks—confirm conclusion
  - review titles
    - click: “Salvation”
    - click: “Worksheet on Salvation”
    - click: “What Shall We Do?”

- LoveMyJesus.com (search multiple sites, brethren only)—more info that confirms conclusion
  - baptism: review first page of results
  - “for the remission”: review results (phrase in “”)
  - “for the forgiveness”: review results (phrase in “”)

- BibleStudyGuide.org Bibles—more info that confirms conclusion
  - Acts 2:38—show how to click on commentaries
  - several popular commentaries brethren like to consult: Clark, Barnes, Matthew Henry, Robertson
  - note: better commentaries by brethren, and several good commentaries on the Greek not available online
Summary / Inv.
- PP: review the process

- learned: baptism, Acts 2:38
  - immersion, born again when baptized, saved when baptized, become a disciple when baptized
  - saved after we’re baptized, not before

- further study confirmed conclusion
  - identified false doctrines, esp. “for” which will help us teach others

- inv.: study, baptism, salvation