

# THE WORD

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## Sunday

Bible study: 10am

Worship: 11am

## Wednesday

Bible Study: 6pm



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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” -----  
---Matthew 5:16---*

*Visitors: You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor’s card. You can place in the collection plate or hand to one of us. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get to know you.*

**Rabun County Church of Christ**

**P.O. Box 266**

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**Tiger, GA 30576**

**ATTENDANCE week of March 17, 2019**

**Sun School-----26**  
**Worship----- 36**  
**Wed, night-----3**  
**Contribution-----\$1610**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Copies of the first issue of House to House are in the foyer. Feel free to take one to read and then share.**

**Please start inviting and talking about the gospel meeting in April.**

**Work day on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>...Yard work to prepare for gospel meeting.**

**If you are going to be traveling and know you will miss service, please let us know so we can pray for your safe return.**

**PRAYER LIST:**

**Leota Weston**  
**Sonny Gay**  
**E.Y. Fry**  
**Dick Godfrey**  
**Michael Dixon**  
**Josh McElrath**  
**Janice Johnson**  
**Annemarie Ruhlman**  
**Margaret Schoen**  
**Coleen Holt**  
**Jan Townsend**  
**Carolyn Ledford**  
**Muriel Boyd**  
**Martin Davis**  
**Jim Johnson**

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**Birthdays:**  
**Chrissy Wood (27<sup>th</sup>)**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
**Minor Prophets (Zechariah Chpt 8)**

## 4 Tips to Help You Better Understand the Bible (pt 2 of 3)

By: Wes McAdams

### 2. Understand the Context

Understanding what a passage of Scripture means has so much to do with the context. If you take a verse out of its context, it can seem to mean any number of things. However, when you consider it in its original context, it means what the author intended for it to mean.

**Cultural/Historical Context** – The first part of the context is determining what was going on in that time and place. We have to try to determine what this passage meant to the person who was writing it and the people who were first reading it. We have to ask ourselves, “*Would this interpretation make sense to those people?*” We aren’t trying to be historians or scholars, but we are trying to make sure our understanding fits the cultural and historical context.

**Literary Context** – The other part of context is understanding what comes before and after this passage. First of all, what genre of literature is it? Every genre has its own rules for interpretation. Poetry, historical narratives, letters, prophecies, all have to be interpreted according to their type of literature. And we also have to take into consideration what the author was talking about in that particular book and in that particular paragraph. Ask yourself, “*Does this interpretation fit the context?*”

### 3. Follow the Author’s Train of Thought

One good thing to do is outline the book. You need to understand where **the story** or **the argument** is headed. If you can’t understand the author’s train of thought, you probably don’t really understand what the passage means. Before you quote a verse to prove a point, ask yourself, “*Do I understand what the author was talking about in that book of the Bible? Do I understand how his argument was progressing and what point he was trying to prove to his audience?*”

**SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 9:30-33**

**THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY**

Announcements.....Ed Townsend  
Bible Class Prayer.....Ernest McElrath  
Song Leader .....Don Roe  
Direct Lord’s Supper.... Ernest McElrath  
Assist Lord’s Supper.....Doug McElrath  
Assist Lord’s Supper.....Ron Weston  
Opening Prayer.....Jim Johnson  
Scripture Reading.....Micah Pate  
Sermon.....Jason Flowers  
Closing Prayer.....Martin Davis

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED**

HEAR GOD’S WORD—ROMANS 10:17  
BELIEVE IN CHRIST—JOHN 3:16, MARK 16:16  
REPENT OF SINS—LUKE 13:3 ACTS 2:38  
CONFESS CHRIST—ACTS 8:37, ROMANS 10:10  
BE BAPTIZED—GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 2:38  
LIVE FAITHFULLY—JOHN 8:31, 1<sup>ST</sup> COR 15:58

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