

## 5 - Tools for Bible Study

# The WORD

### Icebreaker:

What are these tools commonly used to do:

1. Hammer (drive nails)
2. Screwdriver (attach screws)
3. Wrench (tighten nuts and bolts)
4. Block plane (flatten, curve, or shape wood)
5. Caliper (measure width, diameter, and thickness)
6. Jig (guide a saw)
7. Rip Fence (guide wood through a saw)
8. Jointer (create square edges)
9. Torque wrench (tighten nuts and bolts to a specific torque)
10. Instruction Manual (what you read after you make a mistake)

## Watch the Video

### Discussion Questions:

1. What tools do you use to study the Bible?
2. If possible, bring a sample of different print (or digital) Bible study tools: a concordance, a Bible dictionary, a Bible atlas, etc. Let the group take some time looking through each one.
3. Together as a group, use some Bible tools to determine what the phrase "only begotten Son" in John 3:16 (KJV) means. For example, look up the verse in several versions; use a Bible dictionary and concordance to see what the original words were and other verses where they are used.
4. Together as a group, use some Bible tools to investigate who Ananias is in Acts 5. Who are some other people in the Bible named Ananias and what did they do?
5. Together as a group, use some Bible tools to discover the backgrounds of the seven cities named in the letters of Revelation 2-3 (Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea). How does your understanding of these cities help you interpret the meaning of the passage in Revelation?

Psalm 119:114  
You are my refuge and shield;  
I have put my hope in your word