



Week 3: Inductive Bible Study

Big Idea: A structured approach to Bible study, consisting of observation, interpretation, and application, can aid our understanding and implementation of what we read.

Review: Why is studying the Bible important? Why should I approach it seriously?

Inductive Bible Study – An Overview

STEP 1: _____! (James 1:5)

STEP 2: Decide on a _____; Be _____

STEP 3: Begin the inductive process.

Observation: What does the text say?

_____ is speaking? Who is the audience?

_____ is the subject? What events are taking place? What ideas are being discussed?

_____ are events taking place?

_____ did the events take place?

_____ did these events take place? ("so that", "in order that")

_____ do the events take place?

Look for _____

Watch for lists of _____

Highlight _____

Look up _____

Interpretation: What does the text mean?

First, _____ that are unknown.

Then, dive into the _____.

- Author's Intent and circumstances
- Historical background
- Words on the page (before and after the passage)
- Principles described

Finally, _____ what you've learned.

Ask these questions:

Am I practicing _____ or _____?

Is my interpretation of a particular section of Scripture consistent with the theme, purpose, and structure of the book in which it is found?

Is my interpretation consistent with other Scriptures about the same subject or is there a glaring difference?

Application: What does the text tell me to do?

How does this passage impact _____?

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Then, dig down further in each area to _____ that you can act on.

Homework: Study Ephesians 2:1-10 using the inductive method

Observations:

Interpretation:

Application: