

Inductive Bible Study at-a-glance

Observe (What Do I SEE?)

Pray.

Read.

Mark up the passage.

List 1-2 observations per verse.

"Lump and Label"... look for 2-4 "lumps" of content that each express one idea. Give each "lump" a "label."

List any questions you have about this passage.

Interpret (What Does it MEAN?)

Use your Interpretation Tools to gain insight on the focus passage.

- Context
- Dictionary
- Alternate translations
- Cross references

Sum It Up...in one sentence answer the question, "What was that about?" Stick to what the passage meant to the writer and his original readers.

Apply (How Does it WORK?)

Write a Timeless Truth...identify a Principle based on the focus passage that applies to people in all times and cultures.

Remember the SPECK acronym.

Write your Personal Application...what can you do about the Timeless Truth you wrote? Make it SMART.

You can use what you've learned in this series to study any book of the Bible—on your own or with a group of friends. Choose a book you're interested in. Read the whole thing, straight through, to get a feel for the overall tone and message. Then, divide the book into focus passages of roughly equal length. Use the Inductive Process to dig in to the "meat" of the Word for yourself!

Blessings!