

## SIMPLIFIED INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

The purpose of inductive bible study is to derive *general principles* from *specific examples* in scripture. You will read a specific passage and then Observe, Interpret, and make an Application to your personal life. This simplified approach is especially useful because time boundaries are drawn before the study starts. The student will not feel compelled to complete a Theologian's dissertation on the chapter under review before he has something to share.

### The Guidelines:

- 1) Set a time limit on the length of your study! Ask yourself, "How much time am I able to devote to this task and then divide the following numbered items into appropriately timed sections. When your time is up for each item **MOVE ONTO THE NEXT ONE**. My time allotment for the whole study is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2) What do you already know about the chapter under review? Write it down using a mind map (a picture) to help stimulate recall and possible links to other important thoughts. My time allotment is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3) Read the passage twice. My time allotment is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4) Record any and all questions that you have after reading the passage, ie, all of the who, what, when, why, and where Q's ! My time allotment is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5) Observe each paragraph and record in your own words what the writer is attempting to communicate. Remember, **GENERALIZE**. Major on what God has clearly revealed. My time allotment is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6) Now, answer this one question: "Why did the author write this piece of scripture?" ie, 'What was his purpose'? My time allotment is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 7) Go back and attempt to answer your own written questions from step 4. My time allotment is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 8) Make a personal application from at least one generalized (inductive) principle that you can share with the group. My time allotment is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 9) With one word or picture name your study. My time allotment is \_\_\_\_\_ .

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