

## Inductive bible study method steps

### 1. Observation

1. Who - people
2. What - events
3. When / time element - before, during, after
4. Where - Geographical locations
5. Repeated words or ideas
6. List
7. Pronouns
8. Commands or Advice
9. Unknown - words you don't know
10. Verb tenses - past, present or future
11. Contrasts - imply contrasts like "but" and broader Contrasts of ideas, people, events, etc.
12. Conditional Statements (if...then..)
13. Comparisons - "like", "or", "as"
14. Beginnings & end of a passage or book

### 2. Interpretation

Bombard the text and your observation with "why" questions.

1. What is the meaning of this term to the original reader or hearer?
2. What did it mean to the author?
3. Ask how is this term, phrase, or concept used in the context of: this passage, chapter or book ?
4. Does the author quote another passage of scripture? Look up the passages quoted and observe his context.

### 3. Application

Application builds on your observation & interpretation.

What is a Timeless truth of this Passage and how can I apply it to my life?

SPECK can be helpful to use:

- S:** Is there a Sin for me to avoid?
- P:** Is there a promise for me to claim?
- E:** Is there an example for me to follow?
- C:** Is there a command for me to follow?
- K:** How can this passage increase my knowledge about God or about Jesus Christ?

How are you practically going to apply what God highlighted to you?