

Inductive Bible Study

Inductive Bible study is a method of studying the Bible that allows you to discover for yourself what Scripture says, what it means, and how to apply its truths to your life.

Inductive Bible study uses the Bible as its primary source of information about the Bible.

What is the main goal of inductive Bible study?

The main goal of the inductive Bible study method is to draw you into personal interaction with the Bible and thus with God! By knowing God through knowing His Word—and living by the truths the Holy Spirit reveals to you through Scripture—your life will radically change.

- A. Inductive Bible study involves three components: observation, interpretation, and application.
- a. Observation: What does the Bible say?
 - b. Interpretation: What does the Bible mean?
 - c. Application: How does the Bible apply to my life today?
1. Observation is the initial step where you carefully examine a passage, noting facts, details, and questions, to understand what the text literally says.
***Warning – Avoid bringing preconceived ideas or interpretations.**

Five steps to observation

1. Compare translations
 2. Ask questions
 3. Find key words
 4. Observe literary features
 5. Analyze the structure
2. Interpretation is investigating the text based on the questions we asked and what we uncovered in our step of observation.

Five steps to interpretation

1. Consider the context
 2. Compare Scripture with Scripture
 3. Word studies
 4. Topical studies
 5. Consult other resources
3. Application is knowing how we should apply what the Bible says and teaches to our lives.

Five steps to interpretation

1. Establish the relevance
2. Appropriate the meaning

Challenge for this week:

1. Ask God to help you set aside a portion of time to take steps to begin a short study.
2. Incorporate observation, interpretation, and application to a verse or passage you read this week.