

# INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Understanding the Word of God in four easy steps.

## Step 1: Pray

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your study.

Ask God to do these things during your Bible reading:

Correct you  
Teach you  
Encourage you  
Strengthen you  
(Timothy 3:16)



## Step 2: Observation

What does the text say?

Ask yourself the 5 W's and H:  
Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

Look for:  
Contrasts: opposites  
Comparisons: similar  
Cause & Effect: if/then statements  
Repeated Words and Phrases

## Step 3: Interpretation

What does the text mean?

Questions to ask:  
What is the cultural/historical context?  
What other Scriptures might help me understand this one?  
What is the big idea of this text?



## Step 4: Application

What is the text commanding me to do?

Questions to ask:  
Is there an example for me to follow?  
Is there a sin to avoid?  
Is there a promise to claim?  
Is there a command to obey?

