

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Procedure Summary:

You will enhance comprehension when you...

1. READ a book of the Bible 2 - 3 times straight through.
2. WRITE out the central theme of the book. Ask yourself: a) Why was this book written...what is its purpose? b) What idea or principle seems to be repeated in the book?
3. RESEARCH to the best of your ability the particular audience, authorship, time, place and circumstances surrounding the book.
4. REREAD through the book carefully and give titles to each paragraph and chapter in the book. NOTE: The titles of the paragraphs should tie into the title of the chapter and the chapter titles should enhance the theme of the book. (NOTE: Pay close attention to repetition, focus and emphasis in the text)
5. REMOVE from each paragraph a principle, a foundational truth, a rule of action or conduct.
6. RESPOND appropriately to the principle. Ask: a) In light of what I now know...how should I respond? (ie. should I...love, work, encourage, weep, give, trust, change my attitude?) b) Where have I fallen short? (confess sin) c) What is it about this text that makes me thankful? d) How can this passage better my relationship with God?
7. SHARE in humility with another person what the Lord has taught you. NOTE: If you are not living it, don't teach it!!!

6 BASIC STEPS Biblical Studies Overview

1. Book Theme or thrust
2. Culture or background information pertinent to this text
3. Topic being addressed in chapter or chapters
4. Paragraph Summary
5. Main principle of the paragraph
6. Specific application to your life

LAWS OF ANALYSIS

Background
Repetition
Introduction
Cause and Effect
Emphasis (Importance attached)

Comparison/Contrast
Focus (Central Point)
Anticipation