

The **INDUCTIVE** **BIBLE STUDY** METHOD



If you want to be equipped for any circumstance in life, take time and develop the skills to understand what God is saying, what He means, and how it applies to your life.

1

Observation: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Careful observation of God's Word is the most critical aspect of study if you want to interpret and apply God's Word accurately. It is a skill that must be intentionally developed and requires time and practice.

2

Interpretation: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Accurate interpretation requires thorough observation, so take your time reading scripture. If you rush to a conclusion, your understanding could be skewed by your preexisting thoughts or feelings, and not what God is trying to tell you. Investigate cross-references, read the same passages from various translations, and consider the historical or cultural setting of the text.

3

Application: HOW DOES IT APPLY TO ME?

Once we understand what a passage means, it is our responsibility to put it into practice. The goal of personal Bible study is life transformation and a deep relationship with Jesus Christ. But the application of scripture is not an automatic third step in the process. When presented with the truths of the Bible, we face a choice: to disobey God's commands knowingly or respond to those truths with obedience.

REVIEW: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
