

## Simple Inductive Bible Study

Three basic steps:

1. Observation – what does it say?
2. Interpretation – what does it mean (to the first readers)?
3. Application – what does it mean to me?

### I. OBSERVATION

A. Read the passage carefully and repeatedly; use different versions.

B. Look for:

1. Key words or phrases
2. Questions
3. Moods or atmosphere

C. Ask:

1. Who – are the main characters?
2. What – is happening?
3. Where – is it taking place (geography)?
4. When – is it happening (time of day)?
5. Why – did the Spirit put it here?

### II. INTERPRETATION

A. Note the context of the passage (the scripture before and after).

B. Be sure to understand key words (may refer to resources and internet).

C. Summarize the author's main idea into a single sentence.

### III. APPLICATION

A. It is specific, relevant to today and consistent with rest of Scripture?

B. How does it apply to your relationships – with God, others, self?

C. Is there

1. An attitude that can be changed?
2. A sin to confess?
3. An action to take or avoid?
4. An example to follow?
5. A promise to place your hope in?