

BASIC INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

We strongly encourage you to explore the Inductive Method of Bible study with those who truly focus on this method. Here are some suggestions:

<http://www.mynewhope.org/files/InductiveBibleStudyMethod.pdf>

http://precept.org/about_inductive_bible_study

<http://www.intothyword.org/pages.asp?pageid=53489>



1. State the obvious.
What does the text say?
2. Answer the following questions:
Who wrote the book?
To whom did they write?
When was it written?
From where was it written?
Why was it written?
3. Look for:
Key words
Word patterns
Repeated words
Connecting words
The key verse, i.e., the essence of the passage
The chapter theme, story theme, or book theme
The author's purpose in writing
4. Find:
Contrasts
Comparisons
Lists
Conclusions
Results
Expressions of time
5. Go Further:
Cross-reference Scriptures (where Scripture interprets itself)
 - a. First within the book
 - b. Secondly with books by the same author
 - c. Thirdly within the testament
 - d. Fourthly within the context of the whole BibleUse commentaries and a Bible dictionary
Read other versions and paraphrases
Look up Hebrew and Greek word meanings
6. Ask personal application questions