

## INTRO TO THE INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- I. Pray and Invite the Holy Spirit to Lead, Reveal and Guide.
  - A. It is His job to do so. John 16:13
  - B. We access His help through prayer.

The following Scriptures are good prayer template to follow:

Psalm 119:18  
Ephesians 1:18a

- II. Read Actively – Engage your imagination.
  - A. Remember Bible characters were real people in real situations, not too different from ours.
  - B. Identify and Empathize with them.
  - C. Ask yourself questions.
- III. Read the Bible like a Book
  - A. Take in consideration grammatical rules.
  - B. Dive into it utilizing the Inductive Bible Study Method.
- IV. The Inductive Bible Study Method
  - A. Four Questions to Answer
    - What does it SAY?
    - What does it MEAN?
    - What does it MEAN TO ME?
    - What am I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
  - C. Observation Tools to Answer “What does it SAY?”
    1. Grammatical Tools
      - a. Verb tenses
      - b. Connectives
        - “Therefore” - A conclusion to what preceded the verse
        - “But,” or “Yet” - Signals a Contrast
        - “Like,” or “As” – Signals a Comparison

“If...then” – Indicates a Condition

“For,” “Because” – Signals a Reason or Result

2. Illustrations
  3. Key Words
  4. Asking Questions
- C. Interpretation Tools to Answer “What does it MEAN?”
1. Cross References
  2. Word Meanings
  3. Other Translations
  4. Commentaries
- D. Application – What does it mean to Me?  
Seek God for how the important truths apply to your life. Allow the Word of God to transform your thinking.
- E. Actualization – What Am I Going to Do About It?  
Determine action steps you will take to put what you have learned to work in your life. Allow the Word of God to transform your actions and reactions in your daily life.