

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS¹

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OBSERVATION – What does the text say? What do I see?

~Use six “lures” by asking: Who? What? Where? When? Why?²

~Look for six “things”: emphasized, repeated, related, alike, unlike, true to life.³

1. What is the “big idea” of _____? Summarize these verses into one sentence. How does that one sentence align with your “big idea” you wrote on your chart of this book?

2. List some of the important subjects, verbs, objects, adjectives, prepositions, and conjunctions that stood out to you from _____. What stood out to you and why? How do your observations of the key words or phrases relate to the entire book of _____?

3. Are there any people or places listed in _____? If so, briefly list those below.

4. What tone is this author speaking in? Loving, strict, encouraging, etc.? Explain your answer.

¹ Robert Traina, *Methodical Bible Study* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1980).

² Howard Hendricks and William Hendricks, *Living by the Book* (Chicago, IL: Moody, 2007), 94-98.

³ Hendricks, *Living by the Book*, 145-173.

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

~Pay attention to the genre (narrative, poetry, letter, etc.), literal or figurative language, context of the passage, cultural backgrounds.

~Think through the cultural gaps of politics, religions, economies, legal laws, agriculture, clothing customs, domestic roles, geography, military, and social customs.⁴

~Search for cross-references in Scripture that describe these same events, topics, or people, and see what they reveal about the passage you are studying.⁵

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APPLICATION – How do I apply it?

~Nine questions to ask: 1. Is there an example for me to follow? 2. Is there a sin to avoid? 3. Is there a promise to claim? 4. Is there a prayer to repeat? 5. Is there a command to obey? 6. Is there a condition to meet? 7. Is there a verse to memorize? 8. Is there an error to mark? 9. Is there a challenge to face?⁶

9. List two principles for Christian living that you learned from _____.

1) _____ .

2) _____ .

10. What is something you are going to do this week to apply what you have learned? Pick a verse from _____ that will help you with your application and memorize that verse.

⁴ Roy Zuck, *Basic Bible Interpretation* (Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 1991), 80-90.

⁵ Charles Swindoll, *Searching the Scriptures* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale, 2013), 135-158.

⁶ Hendricks, *Living by the Book*, 338-342.