



## Inductive Bible Study<sup>1</sup>

### **Observe:**

***Slow down and notice the details. (Don't interpret, yet).***

- Read the passage several times.
- What is the context or circumstances that form the setting for the event, statement or idea?
- Look at what precedes and follows the passage you read.
- Make a list of *facts* that you observe: who, when, what, where, how, interesting things about people, places, situations, and atmosphere.
- Underline or circle things that are emphasized, words that are repeated or contrasted, causes and their effects.
- Jot down questions you may have from the passage.
- What would you like to explore more? What do you wish was explained more in the text?

### **Interpret:**

***Discover what the text means.***

- Look over your observation facts.
- What is the main thing going on in this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God's character?
- About humankind?
- Write that summary truth in 1-3 sentences.

### **Apply:**

***So What? Apply truth and worship.***

- What does the main truth mean in my life?
- What did I learn about God's character?
- How do I need to respond, change, pray?

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