

Inductive Bible Study Worksheet

Pray before beginning each day and ask for the guidance & help of the Holy Spirit in understanding the God-breathed Words of Scripture.

Observation:

Step One – Overview

Establish Context: Scripture should be interpreted according to its context
Ask **Who, What, When, Where, Why**, and **How** of the text
Always look for the obvious. Repeated significant words & phrases which are key to understanding the text are always important.

_____ **Determine type of Literature:** History, Poetry, Prophecy, Letter
Biographical, Doctrinal

_____ **Determine Historical Setting:** Focusing on the people mentioned in a letter/epistle will usually help to identify the historical setting or background

Mark people & Make a list

- **Read through entire text** and mark specific people
- What people? Author, Recipient, good people and bad people.
- Write these people in your notebook with space to make a list about them
- Make a simple list about everything you note about these people and their location or setting
- Examine other places in scripture that these same people are mentioned
- Is there any instruction given that tells more about the purpose of the letter?

Mark Key Words & Make lists

- **Read through entire text** again and mark key or significant words or phrases
 - What key or significant words? Repeated words or phrases you noticed during your read-through which are significant or very important for understanding the text and are used throughout the book
 - Why? Key words help show us the theme of the book
- Make Lists about each of these key words or phrases recording everything you noticed about each.
- These lists should include chapter and verse for future reference and should be thorough
- Identify Teaching (doctrine) from these lists and note in margin of text, or in your notebook for future study