

# Inductive Bible Study

## **OBSERVATION** WHAT DOES IT SAY?

- » Key words: repeated, emphasized
- » Comparisons
- » Contrasts
- » Imperative commands
- » Note things that stand out to you: important, interesting, confusing, questions, etc.

## **INTERPRETATION** WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

*“The Bible is written in such a way that its teachings are able to be understood by all who will read it seeking God’s help and being willing to follow it.” - Wayne Grudem*

- » Interpretive questions: *For me to know what this text means, what questions will I have to answer?*
- » Paragraph titles (5 words or less)
- » Big idea for the chapter (7 words or less)

## **APPLICATION** HOW DO I RESPOND?

- » Identify the Fallen Condition Focus: The “fallen condition” is some aspect of our brokenness that requires the redemptive work of Christ. Look for the “sin beneath the sin.”
  - What sinful tendencies, habits, thoughts, patterns of behavior, feelings, beliefs are explicitly stated in the text or reasonably implied by the text?
  - What evidence of the effects of the Fall are explicitly stated in the text or reasonably implied by the text that need the redemptive work of God?
  - What God-given human longings that are warped by sin are explicitly stated in the text or reasonably implied by the text that need the redemptive work of God?
- » Articulate a Redemptive Solution: A redemptive solution promotes gospel-centered change rather than mere will power or moralism.
  - How does the gospel address the FCF?
  - What aspect of Christ’s redemptive work do I need to embrace in order to reflect and enjoy God’s glory? (His exemplary life, His substitutionary death, His resurrection, adoption, forgiveness, atonement, etc.)
  - How does the storyline of the gospel speak to the FCF (Creation, Fall, Redemption, Consummation)?

