

Inductive Bible Study

Select & read a Scripture passage.

Choose a passage that's not too big (not more than 10 verses). Avoid studying an entire chapter at one time.

1. Observation | What do I see?

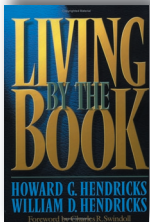
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| Six Questions | Six Structural Clues |
| Who? | Repetition |
| What? | Comparison/Contrast |
| When? | Commands |
| Where? | Questions |
| Why? | Cause/Effect |
| How? | Connectives |

2. Interpretation | What does it mean?

- Content**
What was the author's original intended meaning?
- Context**
What does the immediate context suggest? Broader context?
- Comparison**
What do cross-references suggest?
- Culture**
What did it mean to those to whom it was originally addressed?
- Consultation**
What do commentaries suggest?

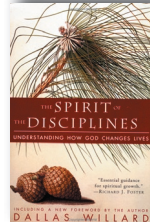
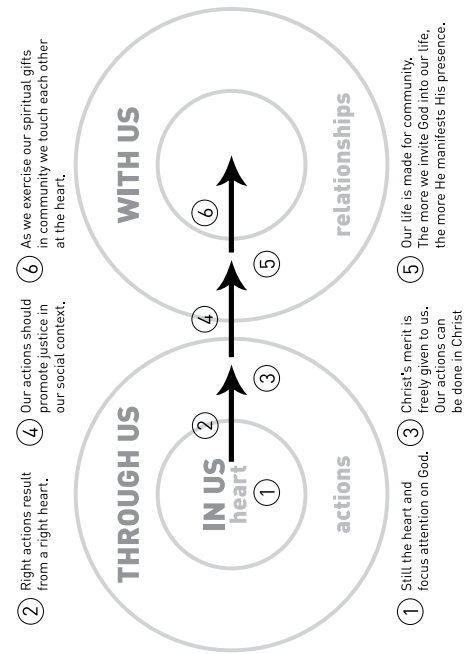
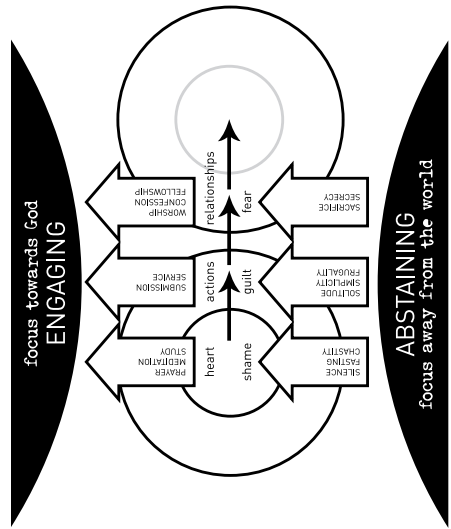
3. Application | How does it work?

- "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for..."
- Teaching** What did I learn?
- Rebuking** Where and why do I fall short?
- Correcting** What will I do about it?
- Training** How can I make this principle a consistent part of my life?
- Truth**
What is the main truth in this passage?
- Needs**
What needs in my life does this truth relate to?
- Application**
What will I do to apply this truth in my life?



Recommended Book
Living by the Book
by Howard Hendricks
\$11.55 @ amazon.com

Spiritual Disciplines



Recommended Book
The Spirit of the Disciplines
by Dallas Willard
\$10.85 @ amazon.com

Silence & Listening

1. Still and quiet your soul.

Quiet and still your soul before God from the cares of the day.

2. Resist the enemy.

Take your place of authority by saying something like, "in the name of Jesus Christ I prohibit the enemy from speaking or interfering with this time."

3. Invoke His presence.

Praise and acknowledge God as the One who is truly there. Ask that He would especially reveal Himself to you during your time of listening.

4. Ask God to search your heart.

Talk to Him about what He reveals, confess any known sin.

5. Ask God to speak to you.

Use the model of Samuel, "Speak Lord for I, Your servant, am listening."

6. Wait in silence.

Be still and quietly wait before Him.

7. Use a pen & paper to write down the impressions he brings your way.

Usually this will be words, phrases, visual images or thoughts that come into your mind through His still small voice of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Prayer

1. Adoration

for who God is

2. Confession

for the wrong I have done
for the right I have not done

3. Thanksgiving

for what God has done
for what God has given

4. Supplication

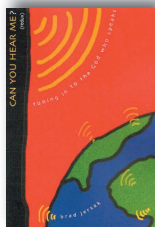
for my needs
for others' needs

Recommended Book

Can You Hear Me?

by Brad Jersak

\$16.96 @ amazon.com



Scripture Meditation

1. Select & read a Scripture passage.

Perhaps a psalm, biblical prayer, or a discourse of Jesus or parable. Take the attitude that God has given this Scripture for your spiritual nourishment. With a listening ear read aloud the text slowly and deliberately. When you get to a word, phrase, or sentence that speaks to your heart, pause in your reading.

2. Meditate on the passage.

Permit the words to probe your heart.

Visualize the scene.

Emphasize words.

Paraphrase the passage.

Personalize the passage.

Use the "Space-pets" acrostic.

Sin to Confess?

Promise to Claim?

Attitude to Change?

Command to Obey?

Example to Follow?

Prayer to Pray?

Error to Avoid?

Truth to Believe?

Something to praise/thank God for?

3. Praise God for His work in you.

Talk to the Lord about your reading.

Your petition might take the form of calm reasoning or an impassioned plea.

Thank the Father for the grace that works through His Spirit and the Word.

Ask Him to make experiential other biblical truths that have not yet found residence in your heart. Petition the Lord for the grace to obey His nourishing revelation.

4. Rest in the Lord's presence.

This is the act of simply being there with God, and it acknowledges that He is the agent of spiritual growth. Resting in God's real presence has been called the prayer of simple devotion.

this exercise is called Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)

Recommended Book

Satisfy Your Soul

by Bruce Demarest

\$10.20 @ amazon.com

