

# Deeper Yet! Inductive Study of the Bible

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Observe  
the  
object in  
this  
picture.

# Activity 1...

- Discuss with a partner any comparisons or contrasts which can be made between an iceberg and the study of the Bible.



# We shall examine together...

*The Inductive Approach to Bible study*

*The three steps involved in inductive Bible study*

*The specifics of each step in inductive Bible study*

*Personal benefits of using this approach*

# What is meant by the term ‘inductive’?

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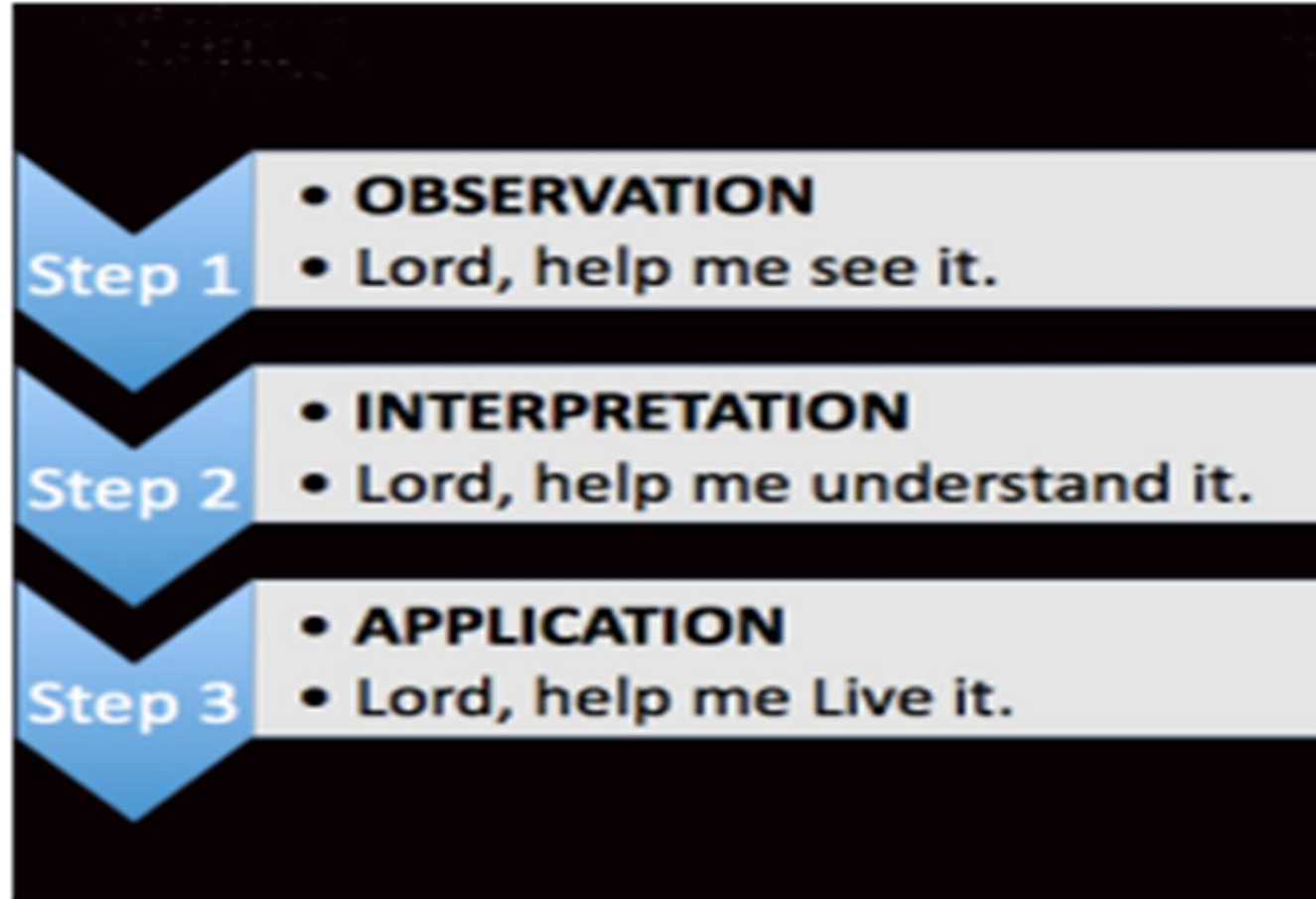
- *Inductive* is a way to describe something that leads to something else, so when applied to reasoning it just means you collect information and draw conclusions from what you observe.

# Inductive Bible Study

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- One of the best ways to study the Bible is through “inductive” study. This method **makes observations on a passage of Scripture and then draws conclusions based on those observations.**

# Three steps to digging deeper...



Observe, observe,  
observe...

Who is speaking?

Who are the main characters?

What is happening?

When did or when will the event take place?

Are any times of day or year mentioned?



# Observe, observe, observe...

Where is the actual activity taking place, inside or outside?

Are towns, villages or specific locations mentioned?

Are there any obvious grammatical or structural connections: comparisons, contrasts, repeated words and phrases, cause and effect, specific sequence of details?

# Observation takes time ...



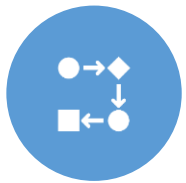
Read the text **several times, slowly.**



If possible, use **different translations**



If possible, Listen **to an audio version**



Notice **patterns, repetitions**



**Make notes**



**Colour code, underline, group ideas**

# Interpretation

What is the text doing, showing or teaching?

What is the context?

How does it relate to the original audience?

How does it fit into the “big scheme” of God’s Word

What conclusions can I draw from it?

# Interpretation guidelines...

T-Text dependent

I-interesting

G-Good discussion promoters

H-Highlight the tension

T- Tie observations together

# Application...

**The Application Step moves us to apply the lessons learnt so that change occurs.**

**Thinking**

**Feeling**

**Doing**

# Application...

Write a journal entry

Write a letter in which the following are shared

This passage is about

This passage shows and has taught

Therefore, I shall...

# Renewed mind...

Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God—what is good and well-pleasing and perfect.



Romans 12:2

# Work in a group of four persons...

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- Engage the text, Matthew 15: 21-28 using the Inductive Approach to Bible Study.
- Observe carefully and make notes
- Use the notes to help arrive at meaningful interpretations of this text
- Write a journal entry or letter stating the following
  - -This passage is about
  - -This passage teaches me
  - Therefore, I shall...