



Introduction

Warm-up Questions:

- What is a hard choice I am facing now which has no easy solution?
- What lies behind my hesitancy to start addressing this important, but daunting challenge?

Inductive Bible Study: What is it?

Inductive Bible study is a way to READ, UNDERSTAND, AND APPLY God's Word. It uses three basic steps that move from specific details to a broader understanding, to personal application. Inductive reasoning uses specific information gained from the text to draw a conclusion.

The steps are:

Observation (what does it say?) SPEND MOST OF YOUR TIME HERE!

As you read the text, ask: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHY, WHEN, HOW?

Circle and draw lines to similar thoughts.
Notice contrasts and key words.

Interpretation (what does it mean?)

- What are the author's central thoughts to the reader?
- What is the context (time, place, circumstance, audience)?
- What spiritual principle or lifestyle change is addressed?

Application (what does it mean for my life?)

- What action step would demonstrate my obedience to what God is saying in this passage?

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STEPS
Observation
Interpretation
Application



2 Peter 1:3-9

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But if anyone does not have them he is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

List the **eight** handholds Peter is describing:



T E A C H I N G

Position (Justified)

Condition (Sanctified)

Romans 5:1

“Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 1:5

“Make every effort to add to your faith. . . .”

Action Steps:

In triads, share about this question:

- Which one of these eight handholds stands out as something I need to grasp today?

Have someone close in prayer.

Prepare for Session #1: Read Chapters 1 & 2 in DNRT.