

METHODICAL BIBLE STUDY

Passage: _____

I. Observation: (Read and take notes.)

A. Pray to ask the Lord to help as you study to understand this passage.

B. Read the text, then glance over the passages around it.

C. How many sentences are there within this passage? How many paragraphs? _____.

D. What would you title this short section? (Describe in 2-3 words).

_____.

E. What are some interesting words that stand out?

_____.

II. Interpretation: (What does it mean?)

A. What are some questions you have about this passage?

Ask at least one question for every sentence:

1. _____?

2. _____?

3. _____?

4. _____?

5. _____?

6. _____?

B. Pray and ask the Lord to help you understand.

III. Evaluation: (Digging deeper.)

A. Look up the words you noticed in Step One in a Bible Dictionary.

B. Try to answer some of the questions you asked in Step Two by consulting a commentary.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.
6. _____.

IV. Application: (How does this apply to today?)

A. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you apply what you've learned to modern day life.

B. What are some principles that can be applied in understanding this for today?

1. What does this say about God?

2. What messages does this convey to me about my relationship to God?

3. What message does this passage have for the church? What message for the unsaved world?

V. Correlation: How does this fit with the rest of the Bible?

A. What verses come into your mind when you read this passage?

B. Do any of the commentaries mention other verses?

C. Use a concordance if you cannot find at least one correlating verse.

D. Summarize your reading of the text, your interpretation and application, then share with others.

For more, check out [*Inductive Bible Study*](#) by David Bauer and Robert Traina