

“The wise don’t just read their Bible; they let their Bible read them.”

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY METHOD

1. Consider the Context

- Who is writing or speaking and to whom?
- What is the passage about?
- When does this take place?
- Where does this take place?
- Why does the author write what he does?
- What problems were the recipients facing? How does the text help?
- How does this passage fit in with the context? (What goes before and after?)

2. Observe the passage by asking questions

- What are the commands?
- What are the promises?
- What are the cause/effect relationships?
- What are the repeated words and ideas?
- What do I learn about God?
- What do I learn about Jesus?
- What do I learn about the Holy Spirit?
- What do I learn about myself (or mankind)?
- Write out any additional observations including contrasts, lists, comparisons, etc.

3. What is the ‘big idea’ of the passage?

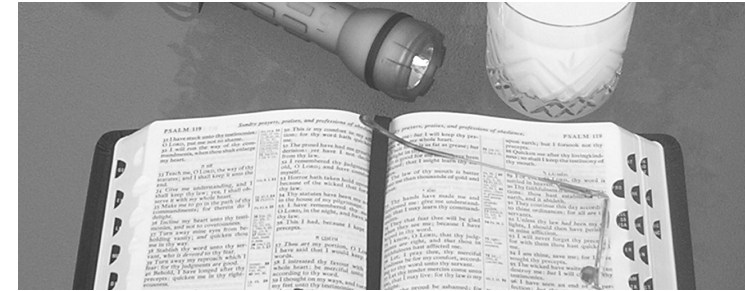
This can most readily be identified from the commands and the repeated words and ideas. Often there will be one instruction in the passage from which the rest flows. Try to sum up the main thought of the passage in a single phrase. What’s the key verse?

4. Application

2 Timothy 3:16: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for ..."

- Teaching: What did I learn?
- Reproof: Where do I fall short? Why do I fall short?
- Correction: What will I do about it?
- Training in righteousness: How can I make this principle a consistent part of my life?

BIBLE READING PLAN August 2017



Psalm 119:130 (AMP)

The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.

Dear Church

Our commitment to you, as expressed in our Mission Statement is to help you ‘Meet with God, Walk with God and Serve God.’

Walking with God is your weekly journey with the Lord ... as you build on what He’s doing in your life, feed on His Word in your personal devotions and dialogue with the Holy Spirit through the affairs and challenges of life.

This Bible Reading Plan is designed to provide direction and inspiration for that personal walk. We are well-aware that some structure really helps. And one of the things we can easily do is provide that for you ... if you choose you use it.

Ecclesiastes is a great balancing book to the other wisdom literature (Job & Proverbs).

I hope you find it stimulating, helpful and faith-building.

Happy reading!

Jamie Gx

Ecclesiastes

In this book we hear the skeptical voice of ‘the teacher.’ He observes that living by the book of Proverbs doesn’t always bring positive results. Sometimes life is hard and defies neat explanations. How do you live with that tension, and still strive for wisdom? For you to get the most out of this book, I recommend you watch the Bible Project’s video ‘Ecclesiastes’ as part of their wisdom series, it’s important enough to be instead of the day 1 reading. Just look under theBarn’s page on Rightnow Media.

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/VideoElement/246413>

Tue Aug 1	Watch the video	
Wed Aug 2	Ecc 1:1 – 11	All is vanity
Thu Aug 3	Ecc 1:12 – 18	The vanity of wisdom
Fri Aug 4	Ecc 2:1 – 11	The vanity of self-indulgence
Sat Aug 5		
Sun Aug 6		
Mon Aug 7	Ecc 2:12 – 17	The vanity of living wisely
Tue Aug 8	Ecc 2:18 – 26	The vanity of toil
Wed Aug 9	Ecc 3:1 – 15	The mystery of time
Thu Aug 10	Ecc 3:16 – 4:6	The injustices of life
Fri Aug 11	Ecc 4:7 – 12	On aloneness and companionship
Sat Aug 12		
Sun Aug 13		
Mon Aug 14	Ecc 4:13 – 16	Getting ahead doesn’t have any meaning
Tue Aug 15	Ecc 5:1 – 7	Fear God

Wed Aug 16	Ecc 5:8 – 6:9	The futility of wealth
Thu Aug 17	Ecc 6:10 – 12	Qoheleth’s conclusion
Fri Aug 18	Ecc 7:1 – 14	Wise sayings
Sat Aug 19		
Sun Aug 20		
Mon Aug 21	Ecc 7:15 – 8:1	The limits of human wisdom
Tue Aug 22	Ecc 8:2 – 8	Obedience to the king
Wed Aug 23	Ecc 8:9 – 17	The wicked and the righteous
Thu Aug 24	Ecc 9:1 – 12	Everyone dies
Fri Aug 25	Ecc 9:13 – 10:4	Thoughts on wisdom and folly
Sat Aug 26		
Sun Aug 27		
Mon Aug 28	Ecc 10:5 – 20	The ironies of life
Tue Aug 29	Ecc 11:1 – 6	Be bold
Wed Aug 30	Ecc 11:7 – 12:7	Advice for young and old
Thu Aug 31	Ecc 12:8 – 14	Concluding thoughts about the teacher