

## Inductive Bible Study Tips

**Observation:** What does the passage say?

- Who, what, when, where, how?
- Repeated words/phrases, key ideas, contrasts, connections, cause and effect?
- Is God referenced?
- What is confusing or needs clarification?

**Interpretation:** What does the passage mean?

- Why are these specific stories shared?
- What would the original hearers have thought?
- What does the passage teach about God? Human nature?
- Are there other Scriptures that help illuminate the passage?
- What does the passage mean in our context?

**Application:** What is God telling me?

- How is God inviting me to respond to His Word?
- Are there sins to confess, commands to obey, attitudes to change, encouragements to give/receive, warnings to heed, promises to claim?
- How does this passage lead me to pray for myself or others?