

Inductive Bible Study Notes

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

Date _____

Passage _____

Observations – Repetitions of words/phrases, reasons for writing, types of statements (warn, command, promise), descriptive, comparisons/contrasts, etc.

- **Who** is speaking? Who is this about? Who are the main characters? And to whom is the speaker speaking?
- **What** subjects and/or events are covered in the chapter? What do you learn about the people, the events, and the teachings from the text? What instructions are given?
- **When** did or will the events recorded occur?
- **Where** did or will this happen? Where was it said?
- **Why** is something said? Why will an event occur? Why this time, person, and/or place?
- **How** will it happen? How will it be done? How is it illustrated?

Interpretation – Let Scripture interpret Scripture. What is the author trying to communicate to original hearers? Any timeless principles? What does it say about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit, what does it say about people?

- What are the Scriptural cross-references? Read each of them.
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about Jesus Christ?
- What does this passage teach about people?
- What are the key ideas being communicated?
- How would we summarize what is being said?

Application – How does this relate to our contemporary culture and to my life? How should my attitudes, behavior, and beliefs be changed as a result of the truths this passage teaches? Something to repent from, praise God for, pray about?

- Is there a promise I need to claim?
- Is there a sin I need to confess?
- An attitude I need to change?
- An error I need to avoid?
- Is there a call to obedience I need to heed?
- An example I need to follow?
- A prayer I need to pray?
- A praise I need to give God?

- What is your prayer of response to God?