

Outline for Bible Study Methods

[Psalm 119](#) introduction – two stanzas each week

Week	Topic	Goals	Handouts	Passage(s)
1.	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understand dual need for diligent study and the illumination of the Holy Spirit ➤ Understand overall method of Observation, Interpretation, and Application ➤ Experience process of inductive study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inductive Bible Study – Introduction ➤ Inductive Bible Study - general ideas ➤ A Brief Bibliography for Bible Study Methods ➤ Acts 17 ➤ Acts 17 – three groups 	Acts 17; inductive study to model methodology as well as see example of Bereans
2.	Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understand importance of observation ➤ Understand observation process and techniques ➤ Practice observation and markup passage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Basic Bible Study Skills – Observation ➤ Summary of Traina Aids to Observation ➤ Puritan Quotations ➤ Philippians 3:1-11 ➤ Philippians 3 structure 	Philippians 3 (or, preferably, a passage from the previous Sunday's sermon) Philippians 3 structure handout
3.	Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understand asking interpretation questions based on observation ➤ Understand necessity of application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Observation – Leading Discussions ➤ Basic Bible Study Skills – Interpretation ➤ Sample Interpretation Questions ➤ Comparing Translations ➤ Basic Bible Study Skills – Application 	Philippians 3 (or, preferably, a passage from the previous Sunday's sermon)
4.	Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understand typical cultural issues and their effect on interpretation and application ➤ Understand need to find principles that are trans-cultural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Interpretation Bible Study and Culture ➤ Packer- Biblical Culture and Immutability of God 	John 13 ; foot washing 1 Corinthians 11 ; hair lengths
5.	Literary form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understand effect of literary forms on interpretation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Literary Forms Bible Study in Psalms ➤ Parallel Structure in Psalms ➤ Proverbs 	Psalm 116 Psalm 64 Psalm 96 Psalm 145
6.	Figurative Language		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Figurative Language Ways of Expressing Truth (overhead) 	John 10 ; sheep, door
7.	Parables and Allegories		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Interpreting Parables Parables 	Luke 15
8.	Sample Passages		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Matthew 18 (multiple translations) 	

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9.			➤	
10.	Use of OT in NT		➤	
11.	Problem Passages		➤	
12.	Prophecy		➤ Prophecy	Obadiah Revelation 13
13.	Types and Symbols		➤	Hebrews 9
14.			➤	