

This is a straight forward, inductive Bible study guide to help you correctly understand and apply God's Word to your life. Hearing and understanding God's Word is good, but when we apply it to our lives we are acting as the wise man in Matt 7:24-27. Use the questions that apply to the passage you are studying. May God use this to open your eyes to the wonderful truth in His Word!

## 1. Observation - What does it say?

Who is writing or speaking?

Who is it written to?

When and where does this take place?

How does this passage fit in with the greater context? (make an outline)

What are the key words, phrases or ideas being communicated?

What is the passage talking about? (Create your own title for the passage)

What else do you notice about this passage?

What questions do I want to research from this passage?

## 2. Interpretation - What does it mean?

What does this passage teach? (God, myself or other people)

Why was this passage included in the Bible?

Use a concordance to understand various words better. ([biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) helps a lot)

What are other people saying about this passage? (check out [e-sword.net](http://e-sword.net))

## 3. Generalization - what is the timeless, universal truth?

## 4. Application - What should I do?

What are we commanded to do or not do?

What do I need to change?

Who in my life is a good example of this truth?

## 5. Implementation - How will I do it?

How can I make this truth part of my life?

What steps do I need to take?