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**Taking Inductive Study Back to Your
Church or Campus**

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Interactive Questions-Share in Pairs

- What has been your experience in Bible Studies up to this point? (*ie: Study Guides, someone preaching at you, etc*)?
- What burning questions do you have about leading inductive bible study in your context?

Group Sharing

Why Inductive Study?

- Word-centered rather than expert-centered
- Humility and openness before God
- An effective way to learn
- “The measure you give will be the measure you get.” (Mark 4-24-25)

Goals of Inductive Bible Study

- Discover what the author says
- Discover what the author means (for the original hearers/readers)
- Be transformed by God's Spirit working through the Word

Phases of Inductive Bible Study

- What's it say? (Observation)
- What's it mean? (Interpretation)
- What's it mean for me? (Application)

Pacing Template

- A resource as you think about leading inductive manuscript studies yourself!

Observe: What does the text say?

Context	Content	Connections
Passages before and after	Characters	Repetition
Pace within whole book	Relationships	Comparison/Contrast ("but")
Culture of original readers	Location	Images/metaphors ("is like")
Old Testament references	Action	Cause/Effect ("so", "that")
	Time	Reasons ("for", "because")
	Numbers	Conditions ("if...then")

Observe: What does the text say?

- Helping people see: Fostering curiosity and attentiveness
- Help the group move from confusion to clarity
- Once you've done this, you're ready to move into interpretation

Fostering Curiosity to Develop Interpretation Questions

- Assume there is more to learn and explore in a passage.
- Look at the story from different angles
- Put a finger on what intrigues or bothers you
- Turn your interest into a question.

Practice- Matthew 8:5-13

- *Locate your manuscript from morning bible study*
- Practice writing a significant interpretation question from Matthew 8:5-13 (*The Faith of the Centurion*)

Workshop Questions

Tips for Leading Interpretive Discussion

- Integrate your questions with the group's
- Go in the order of the text
- Stay in the text
- Keep an eye on the clock (pacing)
- Summarize along the way
- Listen to the text, group and Spirit

Application Question Workshop

1. What is it like to be a Centurion and in what ways are you similar?
2. What is God telling you during this study?
3. Who around you has faith like the Centurion?
4. Identify anything that hinders you from asking Jesus to take up and bear your infirmities and diseases. Bring those needs to Jesus by spending time in prayer.

Application

- Bible study is about *transformation* not *information*
- Help people respond practically to what God has said
- Truly understanding scripture involves actually applying it to our lives

Preparing to Lead

- **Be transformed by the scripture.**
- Plan on spending 2x the length of the study in your prep.
- Go through each of the steps (OIA) in your own personal study.
- Write a summary of the passage in your own words to launch you into application.

Helpful Ground Rules

- Answer questions from the text
 - Only refer to Scripture the original audience had
 - No quoting of commentaries, study Bible notes, or sermons
- When disagreeing with each other, always refer back to observations from the text
- Everybody should be encouraged to participate

Leadership Pitfalls

- Filling the Silence
- Trying to boost what the Spirit is doing
- Teaching/Preaching (vs. facilitating)
- Being oblivious to what the Spirit is doing.
- Affirming the answers I want to hear.
- Sloppy Pacing
- Long, unclear and/or closed ended questions.
- Lack of specific application

Q & A

Resources

- **Book:** The Bible Study Handbook by Lindsay Olesberg, Urbana's Scripture Manager. Available in the Urbana Store.
- Website resources
- Sign up for a coaching slot on the way out
- Contact us on your own:
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