

Bible Study for 1st Peter – Chapter Three

Websites Useful in understanding “Inductive Bible Study”

<http://www.intervarsity.org/bible-studies/inductive-bible-study-hints>

http://powertochange.com/experience/spiritual-growth/inductivestudy/?section_id=32

<http://www.christianity.com/christian%20foundations/the%20bible/11530093/>

Inductive Bible Study has several key components:

1. Observation answers the question: What does the passage say?
2. Interpretation answers the question: What does the passage mean?
3. Application answers the question: How does the meaning of this passage apply to me?

This week the challenge is to read 1 Peter 4 every day & study it from a different perspective:

Here are some examples:

*Read the chapter and write an outline for it. What are the main points? What are the supporting points? What are the key words and definitions?

*Read the chapter to answer as many questions as possible. Write out what questions you have after reading it once and then read again to find those answer. (Who, what, when, where, why, how, etc.)

*Read the chapter to find the purpose. Why would the author write it? How could you summarize the whole chapter in one sentence? One word?

*Read the chapter and look for all the commands. Commands that Peter gave his readers and commands that God is giving to us.

*Read the chapter as if it were a personal letter written to you from a close friend. What sticks out to you and why?

*Read the chapter and circle all the key words or words that stick out to you for one reason or another. Then see how those words connect to each other. What words are repeated over and over?

Small Group Questions:

1. What would you say is the main theme or message running through Chapter 3?
2. What verses support your reason for that being the theme of the chapter? How many different verses mention or reference that theme?
3. What is the main theme that Peter is giving in the following passages and why do you think it's so important that it's mentioned all these times?
 - a. 1 Peter 2:12
 - b. 1 Peter 2:13-17
 - c. 1 Peter 2:18-25
 - d. 1 Peter 3:1-6
 - e. 1 Peter 3:7
4. How should we live if we want to “love life and see good days” (v. 10)?
5. In what way are you blessed “even if you should suffer for what is right” (v. 14)?
6. How is it really possible to live like verses 8-12? Prayer? Effort? Obedience no matter what? Bible reading? A deepening relationship with Christ? Support your answer.
7. What fears motivate people today? What fears affect our relationships? How does following Jesus as Lord free you from those fears?
8. How does hope change your behavior and cause people to ask about it? What situation seemed hopeless to you until God brought hope?