

Training & Equipping

Inductive Bible Study

Ground Rules

1. Be Humble – We will not agree on everything
2. Be Teachable – We all need to grow and no one is right on everything
3. Be Reasonable – Not everything is worth dying over
4. Be Worshipful – Every truth is meant to cultivate deep affections for God

Road Map of Inductive Bible Study

Hermeneutics > BIBLE > Exegesis > Theology (Biblical & Systematic) > Doxology

- Hermeneutics are the Rules (how we arrive at meaning)
- Exegesis is the Process (what we do to examine the details)
- Inductive is the Method (how we make sense of the details and draw a conclusion)

Hermeneutics

“Hermeneutics concerns principles (rules) of interpretation.”¹

“Hermeneutics – The study of how to interpret the Bible using established Principles.”²

“Universal principles of communication established by God in order for us to understand Him and have genuine relationship with Him.”³

¹ Andrew David Naselli, *How to Understand and Apply the New Testament: Twelve Steps from Exegesis to Theology* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2017).

² Douglas Mangum, *The Lexham Glossary of Theology* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).

³ Aucoin Brent, “Hermeneutics” (Lafayette, IN, 2022).

Some Rules of Proper Hermeneutics

1. What we see in the Bible should be understood normally (literally) in context.

-Historical, Grammatical, Theological, & Cultural

2. We should interpret with the sole priority of authorial intent

-What does this say/what did they say > What did this mean for them/then > What does this mean for me?

-Examples of poor hermeneutics:

-I am the Authority, "What do I say?"

-Reader Response, "What does this mean to me?"

-Spiritualize, "What hidden spiritual truth is this communicating?"

Using different rules produces different results:

"The big problem with Bible study today is that we think it should be easier than other things we do."⁴

"Why do we think that the Bible is the only subject we should not have to study? Make the Bible your hobby?"⁵

Homework

1. Watch video #3 Exegesis

2. Read from Inductive Bible Study

- "What Does the Inductive Method Look Like?" [p. 38-42]
- "Five Reasons for Inductive Bible Study" [p. 42-44]
- Be ready to share which reason is most encouraging to you, and why.

⁴ Grant R. Osborne, *The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation* (Illinois: Inter-Varsity Press, 2006).

⁵ Osborne, *The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*.

3. Have some fun and research different views on what David's 5 stones represent.

4. Why do you think spiritualizing is so easy and common?

5. Look over the fall classes and pick a class you would like to teach/co-teach. Which class did you select?
