

DISCIPLESHIP



THE INDUCTIVE METHOD

OBSERVATION. EXPLORE THE TEXT TAKING SPECIAL NOTE OF...

- **WORDS:** Look for repeated words as well as the specific terms used to describe people, places, and things.
- **CHARACTERS:** Their roles and actions within the text.
- **GRAMMAR:** Identify the subject, verb, and object of each sentence. What verbs represent the text or take center stage? Look for the use of contrasts and comparisons used to make or emphasize a central point.
- **STRUCTURE:** Examine how sentences and paragraphs come together, paying special attention to transitions and connection terms like “therefore.”
- **GENRE:** Discern the genre of the text, whether poetry, prose, a letter, a prophetic, or narrative style.
- **MOOD:** Notice the tone of the text by paying attention to actions, emotions, and/or challenges.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

- Name.
- What you do for a living.
- Who is in your immediate family.
- Where you live.



INTERPRETATION. FIND THE AUTHOR'S INTENDED MEANING TO THE ORIGINAL AUDIENCE.

TO DO:

- Ask reporter style questions from direct observation of the text. Who? What? Where? When? How? Why?
- While studying, keep in mind your own cultural and personal assumptions and biases.
- Determine the author's main point. Even though a text will contain numerous possibilities, usually one theme surfaces.
- Determine and focus on that one overarching point.

ADDITIONAL:

- Always lay aside preconceived ideas and speculations while doing the inductive side of the study and consider how the text connects to the life of Jesus.

PERSONAL APPLICATION. HOW THIS APPLIES TO MY LIFE TODAY.

- How does this text apply to my life? What changes do I need to make?
- How does this observation and interpretation impact my core relationships, i.e. with God and others?
- When applied to my life, how would the text change my worldview (how I think), actions (what I do), and identity (Who I am)?

THE WISE & FOOLISH BUILDERS

²⁴ "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

MATTHEW 7:24-29, ESV

MY ACTION ITEMS:

Issues to Address. Steps to Take.

How can I become a wise person? What area of my life needs more integration?

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RESOLUTE EXPECTATIONS

Discussion Rule: **MANAGE YOUR CONVERSATION**

- Everyone participates, no individual dominates.
- Silence confers agreement.
- Actively listen to understand the materials and others' perspectives.
- Do not interrupt others. Let men complete their thoughts and ask clarifying questions.
- When you disagree, do so respectfully. Consider using statements like, "I would like to push back on that," or "I respectfully disagree."
- Speak to the topic at hand. Discipline your mind and words.

Personal Rule: **MANAGE YOURSELF**

- Expect challenge and tension.
- Show up and be present. Monitor your use of electronic devices.
- Communicate when you are unable to attend.
- Be willing to be held accountable.
- Be willing to accept and admit when you are wrong.
- Be transparent and authentic.

Confidentiality Rule: **MANAGE CONFIDENTIALITY**

- What is shared in the group stays in the room.
- Your wife needs to know you, not other members. (But feel free to share your positive feelings about the group).
- When you miss a meeting, listen to the recorded session and provide a response.

Focus Rule: **MANAGE TIMELINESS**

- Respect the agenda by staying on topic and not digressing.
- Stay engaged by writing down stray or off topic thoughts.
- Be present and ready to start and end on time.

Spirituality Rule: **MANAGE YOUR DISCIPLINE**

- Read your Bible regularly. Bring your Bible or Bible application to group time.
- Pray daily.
- Take responsibility for your spiritual health and growth.

Action Rule: **APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN**

- Establish an action item for yourself each week.
- Take notes your way, and practice this as a pattern.
- Participate in discussion.