

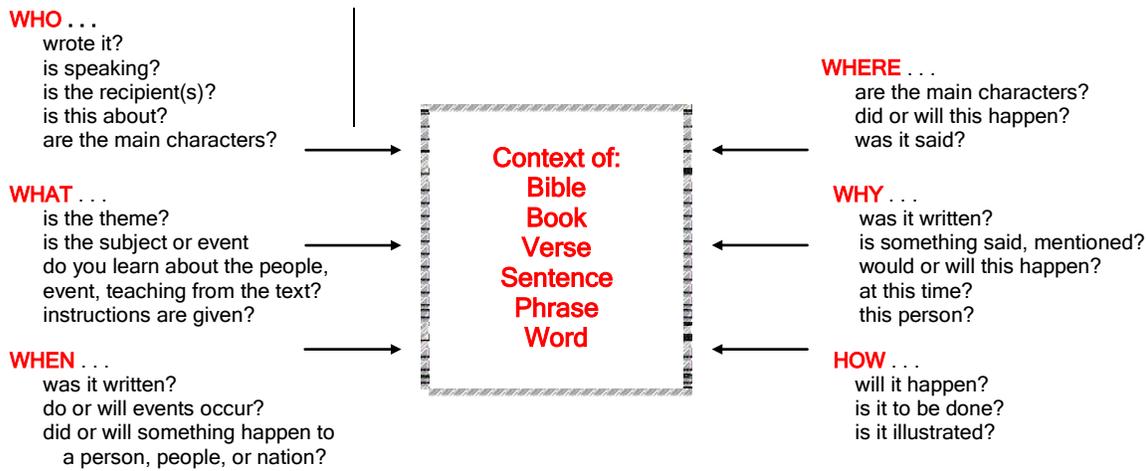
### HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE INDUCTIVELY <sup>1</sup>

There are three keys to studying the Bible: **Observation**, **Interpretation**, and **Application**. Homework assignments from the workbook are broken up into five one-hour sessions per lesson. Always begin and end your study with prayer, because “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the word of Christ.” -Romans 10:17.

#### **OBSERVATION - DISCOVER WHAT IT SAYS**

**2 PETER 3:16**

1. Read the book (or assigned material) once to get a general impression of it.
2. Read again and begin to establish context (that which goes with the text).
3. Ask the “Five W’s and an H” in relationship to the context:



4. Read again, look for, and mark: people, places, events, and repeated (key) words. See reverse for sample marking symbols. Marking slows down the observation process to enable discovery.
5. Mark expressions of time words (“then”, “after this”, “until”, “when”, “now”, “soon”, “as soon as”).
6. Mark terms of conclusion words (“wherefore”, “therefore”, “so”, “for”, “for this reason”, “finally”).
7. Mark contrast words (“but”, “however”, “yet”, “nevertheless”, “on the other hand”).
8. Mark comparison words (“like”, “as”, “such as”; also, metaphors).
9. Mark warnings (“beware”, “heed”).
10. Mark exhortations (“let us”).
11. Mark instructions (“do”, “do not”, “shall”, “shall not”).
12. Look for lists, which reveal truths and highlight important concepts. What gave you an “aha”?
13. Develop chapter themes.

#### **INTERPRETATION - DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS**

1. Context rules. Consider each verse in light of surrounding verses, its book, entire Word of God.
2. Always seek the full counsel of the Word of God; never take it out of context; interpret literally.
3. Remember that scripture is God-inspired and never contradicts other scripture.
4. Look for the single meaning of the passage.
5. Use tools, such as word studies, cross-references, but leave commentaries for last.

#### **APPLICATION - DISCOVER HOW IT WORKS**

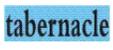
**2 TIMOTHY 3:16, 17**

1. What are life lessons: What does the passage teach? Mean to me? Require of me?
2. Does this section of scripture expose any error in my beliefs or in my behavior?
3. What is God’s instruction to me as His child?

<sup>1</sup> Some paraphrased materials from *The New Inductive Study Bible*. Precept Ministries International. Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, Oregon. 2000. pp 13-31.

# PRECEPT-UPON-PRECEPT

## ORIENTATION TO INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

	God, Father, Names of God		Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb, Light, Bread, Life		Holy Spirit, God's Spirit, Spirit of God
	Atonement, Atonement, Covered, Covered over		Believe, Faith, Truth		Bless, Blessings
	Blood		Circumcise, Circumcised		Coming of the Lord, His coming
	Covenant, Promise, Agreement		Cross, Crucify, Crucifixion		Cross of Victory
	Crown, Reward		Cry, Weep, Wail		Curse
	Day of the Lord, The Lord's Day, That day		Death, Dead, Die		Satan, Devil, Evil Spirits, demons, Mediums, Serpents
	Eternal life		Evil		Look, See, Behold, Beheld Witnessed
	Judge. Judging, Judgment		God's love		Gospel, Message
	Grace, Loving kindness		Holy, Holiness		Nation of Israel, the land, Hebrews, Jews, Jacob
	Kingdom (God's or man's)		Law, Commandments		Listen, Hear
	Locations, Cities, Countries, Parts of buildings		Love		Nations, Gentiles
	Poured out		Pray, Prayed, Prayer		Rain, Flood
	Redeem, Redemption		Remnant		Repent, Repentance
	Righteous, Righteousness		Signs, Miracles, Wonders		Sin, Iniquity, Transgression
	Suffer		Tabernacle		Time ("until", "then", "when", "after", etc.) Feasts
	"Un-", "Dis-" before a word		Terms of Conclusion (therefore, so, for, finally, wherefore)		Wrath, Anger