# Inductive Bible Study Chart

# *“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart”*

 STEP I & II: Pray & Retell STEP III: Observation STEP IV: Interpretation STEP V: Application

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| Focal Passage:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**PRAY-** Holy Spirit to lead in truth, give understanding, God to speak, you to respond.**READ-** Read the passage, slow down and read it again, then read it a 3rd time. | **Observation:** What does this passage say? Ask the W’s: Who (involved in passage); What (happening, said, argument, details, key words); When (time of day, year, relation to previous Ch.); Where | **Interpretation:** What does this passage mean? What are key ideas? What is God saying?  | **Application:** How does this apply to me? What will I do about it? Commit to obey what God says. What should I know? Avoid/stop doing? Do Differently? Begin/Continue Doing? (2 Tim 3:16) |
| Write 1-2 Sentence summaries of context (Passage/chapter just before & after focal text) Write the passage down in your own words/ or outline it: Cross References/Other Verse s that Speak to ideas in the text:  | W’s: Key/Repeated Words, Phrases, Verses, Themes:  | What are the key ideas/main point:What is God saying? What big themes/points emerge from the text: My Questions: | What are some implications for my life today? What will you do in response to this passage? *I will . . .*  |