

Apologetics 101 Inductive Bible Study Worksheet An inductive Bible study involves deductive reasoning (the process of reasoning from one or more statements (premises) to reach a logically certain conclusion) it typically takes three steps in the process: observation, interpretation, and application. An inductive study is seeking to supply strong evidence for the truth of the conclusion. Select any scripture from today's lesson and follow all the steps listed in this worksheet.

I. OBSERVATION

1 Corinthians 2:14

Author: Paul the apostle

Audience: Corinthians of the Church of Corinth

What is happening: Paul is preaching the Gospel and warning his brethren

Where is this happening: in Corinth

When is this happening: 50-51 C.E.

Why is this happening: to educate the church on the things of the Spirit

How is this happening: Paul is Preaching to the Church

What does the passage say? (Make lists, identify: contrasts, promises, & commands)

General Observations/Significance

- **Contrast:** those who accept God receive the things of the spirit
- **Promise:** the natural does not accept the things of the Spirit
- **Command:** To be Sharp in discernment

Ask lots of questions of the passage

Questions/Findings

- **How do you gain discernment?** Receive Jesus as Lord and savior through faith
- **What is discernment?** It is the telling of differences between what is of God and what is of the devil.

RECORD YOUR KEYWORDS

(What are the words and phrases that stood out to me)

Key Word [Words from the Chapter of Jude 3 NLT]

- **Natural:** relating to earthly or unredeemed human or physical nature as distinct from the spiritual or supernatural realm.
- **Spirit:** Not of the Flesh not of the Natural realm

- **Discernment: perceiving what is of God and what is not**

Inductive Bible Study Worksheet II. INTERPRETATION

Record the context of the passage. How do the verses before and after the passage help you understand the passage? God is speaking through Paul to the Corinthians but they aren't words of wisdom they are the wisdom of the Spirit.

What is the overall theme of this chapter: That the things of the Spirit are not able to be understood by the natural mind and can only be understood through the mind of Christ which we receive through salvation

What does it mean? On our own we are not capable of anything that is of the Spirit of God without first surrendering to the spirit of God

Record your summary of the meaning in this passage: The message of 1 Corinthians goes to show that as followers of Jesus we are *held to a standard* of integrity and morality as we seek to represent His *new ways of life* to our daily life and communities.

III. APPLICATION

What does this passage mean to me? It furthers my faith in Christ because I myself experience discernment that I know does not come from me but from the Lord and it brings me much joy to see the Holy Spirit move in my life.

How will I apply this to my Christian walk with Christ? I already am.