

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

Scripture Chosen: 1 Corinthians 2:14

Author? Paul the Apostle

Audience? The Christian church of Corinth

What is happening? Paul is teaching the gospel and warning his brethren.

Where is this happening? In the Corinth Church

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

Why is this happening? To give the church wisdom from a biblical perspective

How is this happening? Paul is preaching to the church in obedience

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

General Observations/Significance

- **Contrast:**
- **Promise:** "The natural person does not accept the things of the spirit"
- **Command: To be sharp in discernment**

Ask lots of questions of the passage

Questions/Findings

- **How does a person lose their discernment?** A person can lose their discernment by lacking in their relationship with the Lord.
- **How can you gain discernment?** One gains discernment by humbling themselves and getting wisdom from a church member and staying consistent in their walk with Christ.

RECORD YOUR KEYWORDS

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

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

- **Folly:** Lack of good sense; foolishness.
- **Able:** Having considerable skill, proficiency, or intelligence

- **Discerned:** Perceive or recognize

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 relaying words through Paul and giving him the correct words to speak to these people so that they can understand and know that Paul is just a man speaking, but these words aren't just simple literature they go to show the depth and power when these words come alive on its own.

What is the overall theme of this chapter? 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 that is received through salvation.

What does it mean? In simpler terms the only etern "thing" [living] on this earth is the word [Bible/anything Holy Spirit speaks to you]. So as Christians we need to dissect the word through the *discernment* we hold, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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? I need to be more discerning when I am out and about in my daily life because no matter where I am I need to keep myself accountable for being a constant witness/example of Christ to everyone around me no matter the situation at hand.

How will I apply this to my Christian walk with Christ? I will apply being more spiritually discerning by not focusing so much *time* on myself, and will yield to the Holy Spirit in obedience of His words.