

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

**Author?** Jude of the Apostle

**Audience?** His friends

**What is happening?** Jude is writing to his friends and urging them to defend Christianity.

**Where is this happening?** Christian scholars date it to the end of the 1st century AD to the first quarter of the 2nd century

**When is this happening?** The letter was probably composed at an unknown place and before the second Letter of Peter.

**Why is this happening?** Jude wrote this to encourage, warn, and urge his friends, followers, and Christians in general to stand more boldly in the defence of our faith.

**How is this happening?** Christians need to be bolder towards the defence of our faith because of the ungodly teachers that are promoting immoral behavior and false teachings, creating deception and a falling away from the church [into sin], leading to division in the church.

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

### General Observations/Significance

- **Contrast:** we have a choice to either stay silent in disobedience or to obey and defend our faith.
- **Promise:** The salvation we have *all* [all christians] experienced(s)
- **Command:** To defend the faith our God has *entrusted* to His holy people.

Ask lots of questions of the passage

### Questions/Findings

- **Why aren't Christians already defending their faith?** They may not want the persecution that could form when speaking out against evil.
- **Why do Christians need a messenger to tell them to be bold and speak up?** Some of these people may be getting into their word daily and living a devoted life to Christ. But for the carnal christians that don't spend time in their word, don't

recognize when the Lord is speaking or they act in disobedience and live a silent safe life, with no purpose.

- **Why are Christians even allowing these false teachings to take place?** They are weak Christians and bow to fear instead of putting their faith in 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]

- **Eagerly:** Strong desire
- **Urging:** Try earnestly to or persistently to do something
- **Entrusted:** Assign the responsibility for doing something.

## 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?** Reading Jude chapter 1 verse 1 - 4 helps to paint a clear picture of what is happening in the world, specifically in the Christian churches; there is a demonic spirit of deception that has infiltrated our gaze and attached itself to both believers strong and weak. The ones who are not falling under this deception are the people who have eyes to see and hear, for they are the ones, such as Jude who have these spiritual seeing eyes, are warning and preparing the church to stand up against these false teachings that are not sound doctrine.

**What is the overall theme of this chapter?** The overall theme of the book of Jude is to bring awareness, warning, and open up the churches eyes to see when *we allow* division to cause offence, church hurt, misinterpreting the word of God to guide the church into carnal life styles full of our fleshly desires

**What does it mean?** This passage means that the more we lose the authority of a real Christian lifestyle, we physically and spiritually limit how God can use us and we decrease into a people of stupidity and ignorance.

**Record your summary of the meaning in this passage:** The title of this passage starts off with, The Danger of False Teachers, goes into, A Call to Remain Faithful, and ends in a Prayer of praise. This starts out in a warning, then to repentance, and lastly thankfulness of the grace of God. So overall, the passage is giving us clear instructions on what to do when the church fall into the corruptness of this world, first we must recognize, repent, and be thankful!

## III. APPLICATION

**What does this passage mean to me?** The scripture is informing to me personally that I need to speak out against these demonically influenced lies that people are spouting at school and I need to set myself away from the crowd and begin to intercede, prepare, and warn others about what and how God is moving in this new season of earthly history we have entered into.

**How will I apply this to my Christian walk with Christ?** I will apply this scripture to my walk with Christ by defending my faith [in love] to the many different types of people at school: such as my friends, teachers, and to this generation.