

## **INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY INSTRUCTIONS**

### *for “Encounters with Jesus – in the Book of John” Bible Study*

#### **GET READY**

- Choose a time. Sit down with:
  - Two translations of the Bible (paper or digital)
  - Your favorite writing tool
  - Your worksheet, notebook or journal
  - Any other study tools you want to use (ie: dictionary, other)

#### **PRAY**

**READ** the passage through completely. **RE-READ** the passage or read along as someone reads it to you.

**SUMMARIZE** what happens in the story in 3-6 sentences (keep it short if the passage is short, longer if the passage is longer). Write down your summary or say it out loud.

#### **OBSERVE - What does this say?**

Make observations – nothing is too obvious! (It’s okay to feel like the observation is something a 4 year old would make.) Making obvious observations allows us to progress to less obvious observations.

#### **INTERPRET - What does this mean?**

Using what you observed about the passage, other knowledge you have about the Bible and things you are familiar with that are mentioned in the passage, try to figure out the meaning of what is said or done in the passage. It’s okay to start and end with more questions than you were able to understand and answer! Keep reading your Bible and this step will continue to grow easier and richer in meaning.

#### **APPLY – How does this passage relate to you?**

Ask the Holy Spirit to move your new knowledge from your head to a transformation in your heart and mind. Answer these three questions:

1. What do I learn about God from this passage?
2. What does what I learn about God teach me about myself and/or others?
3. How, with the help of the Holy Spirit, do I want this to change me?