

# A Hermeneutical Bible Study Method

While this method of Bible study is simple to use, it will take time, especially in accordance with how many questions you ask. Asking good questions is very important to getting the most out of this technique. *Hermeneutics involves interpretation.* And the questions you ask will provide the basis for interpretation, setting you up for principles and ultimately application.

*As always, begin by asking God to help you by revealing truths from His Word (Psalm 119:18).*

## OBSERVATION

1. State the Obvious:
  - Write down the verse.
  - Record as many observations as you can about the verse.
  - It may help to work through the verse phrase by phrase.
2. Bombard the Text:
  - Ask as many questions as you can about the verse
    - Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? etc.
  - Just when you think you are finished, ask one more!

## INTERPRETATION

1. Answer all the question you just asked.  
Five ways to help answer your questions:
  - **CONTEXT:** Read the verses surrounding the passage.
  - **CROSS-REFERENCE:** Look-up verses to dive deeper (*Many Bible and Bible Apps provide these*).
  - **CONCORDANCE:** Look up definitions in a Hebrew/Greek dictionary (*Strong's, Blue Letter Bible, etc*).
  - **CULTURE:** Note the **CULTURE** in which it was written using a trustworthy Bible handbook.
  - **COMMENTARIES:** Commentaries can be used to compare your answers with trusted resources.
2. Draw 2-3 principles from the above study.
  - "Principles" are timeless truths that never change.

## APPLICATION

1. Make an application from your study using the SPECS method:
  - S** - sin to confess
  - P** - promise to claim
  - E** - example to follow
  - C** - command to obey
  - S** - stumbling block to avoid
2. Pray over these applications now and throughout the day.

