

3 QUESTIONS

A method for inductive Bible study

Preparation:

Plan to study through an entire book, just a few verses per session

Plan for ~30 minutes per study session

Read the book's introduction comments in a study bible (resource= blueletterbible.org)

Daily:

- Have a journal or notebook with you to write
- Pray Psalm 119:18 - "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things from your law"

Passage studying: **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

^dAll Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that ^ethe man of God² may be complete, ^fequipped ^gfor every good work.

1. Re-read the paragraph before that you studied the last time (verses 10-15)
2. Read the passage for today several 2-3x

Broader context for the book (would see in an introductory section)

- Final letter Paul wrote, in prison awaiting execution
- Writing to young disciple who would take over major piece of ministry (Ephesus), to instruct him on doctrine and life in the church
- Paul is both discouraged and hopeful - discouraged because many former friends and ministry partners had left him and the faith; hopeful because he was about to see Jesus and knows the will of the Lord will ultimately triumph

2 Timothy 3:16-17

What does it say? [note key phrases and words / ask a couple questions]

“All Scripture” / “breathed out by God” / “profitable for...” / “complete, equipped...”

1. What does “breathed out by God” mean?
2. Why do we need all these “profitable” things?

What does it mean? [try to answer from context and cross reference]

1. Genesis 2:7 - Scripture formed by same breath that made world and man
2 Peter 1:20-21 - no Scripture ever produce by will of man, but by Holy Spirit moving them
2. CONTEXT: persecution and trials have come - need it to stand firm
CONTEXT: imposters, false teachers are in church - need to protect and expose
CONTEXT: salvation came from! Must have this to walk with God

Summary of what learned:

- ALL Scripture must be accepted and revered as the very Word of God (all authoritative)
- God is so gracious to give us his Word for salvation, protection and endurance

Other tools can use here

- Dictionary (English or Greek)
- Commentary (Don't start with
- All of these (including Cross-References) available at blueletterbible.org

What do I do with it? [personally apply to where you are]

Why is God revealing this to me today?

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How must I respond? [worship, confession, obedience, etc]

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Pray through what you just read