

Listening Guide

Introduction

[1] What will this lesson discuss?

Tools of the Trade

[2] What is the one essential tool for effective Bible study?

[3] What do you think is the difference between Bible devotions and Bible study?

Three Foundational Steps of Bible Study Basics

[4] In a short paragraph for each of the three skills described in this section (observation, interpretation, application), describe what you think it involves and what you think it contributes to effective Bible study.

[5] Respond to the idea that, “We don’t need to study the Bible; all we need to do is read the Bible.”

[6] In your opinion what is the difference between reading and studying the Bible?

[7] In your own words explain the difference between “seeing” and “observing.”

[8] Summarize why you do or do not believe that “observing” a Bible text should be the first step in studying that passage.

[9] How would you explain the difference between observing a Bible text and interpreting it?

[10] What has your experience been with application? When you hear a sermon on or read a Bible passage do you seldom, or usually, or always ask, “What should I do with this truth from God’s Word?”

[11] Explain the relationship between the three inductive Bible study skills.

[12] Review the objectives.

Can you name and briefly describe the essential and the helpful tools for Bible study?

Briefly describe the three foundational steps of inductive Bible study.

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

What is your plan for Bible study? The lesson suggested that you should set some goals for yourself, and block out a times in your calendar to begin your Bible study process. Select a book of the Bible and read it through a few times in preparation to apply the skills as you discover them in this course.