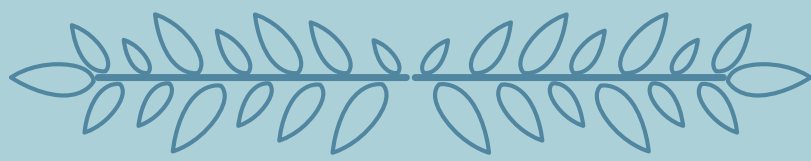


AN INDUCTIVE STUDY METHOD



OBSERVATION

STEP 1

Read the passage at least once. Then summarize the passage one to two verses at a time.

STEP 2

Taking note of important topics or events, separate your summary into 2 to 4 divisions. For each group of verses, write a sentence stating the main idea for each division.

INTERPRETATION

STEP 3

Look up any cross-references in the passage, define any unknown or difficult words (using the Hebrew or Greek if desired), and use study notes or commentaries to help discover the original message.

STEP 4

Write out the principles for each division. Principles are truths about who God is, truths about who man is, or truths about God's relationship to man.

APPLICATION

STEP 5

Write simple, specific applications for each division. You could write these in the form of questions

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PROVERBS
4:7-9