

Lesson #1: Why Discovery/Inductive Bible Study Method

Prayers for one another and New Year Resolutions.

Praise and Worship of the day -- Knowing You Jesus – **Play video** --

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGbuz8QuhmE&feature=related>

Phil 3:7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. **8** What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of **knowing Christ Jesus** my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ NIV

Word of the day -- Psalm 119:1-8

Blessings of obedience to God's Word

“**119:1-8**. The psalmist delighted in the fact that those who walk in **wholehearted obedience** to the Law are **blessed** (vv. 1-3). This prompted him to **wish** that he were **more obedient** in view of God's **commands** to follow His laws (vv. 4-6). So the psalmist **vowed to give thanks** as he learned more about God's statutes (vv. 7-8).”¹

Play Video of Howard Hendricks sharing about importance of the Word of God -- http://www.pursuant4.com/dallastheologicalseminary/dtsselect/flashstory_hh.htm

Lesson of the Day -- Why Discovery/Inductive Bible Study Method

1) What did you do when you were still a baby and you were hungry?

I saw a baby at Wal Mart McDonald's at Baton Rouge grabbing his own milk bottle while the mom was looking at the menu deciding on what to order.

The **1st stage** is **crying and crying** until someone feeds him.

The **2nd stage** is knowing that the parents are feeding him from the milk bottle and when he is hungry and the bottle is there, he grabs it and drinks from it.

The **3rd stage** is a grown-up kid who knows how to make milk from milk powder and drink from it.

The **4th stage** is a **grown-up kid** who knows how to make milk and feeds his crying baby brother.

Which stage was the baby at and which stage was the mom at?

2) How is this analogy similar to our spiritual life?

vv. verses

¹Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-c1985). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (1:880). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Our spiritual life is just life that. **Despite our age and the number of years we've become Christian**, we might be at Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3. If we are at Stage 4, we can always become better at this Stage.

3) Where are you in your spiritual life?

I see myself in all the 3 stages from 2-4.

2nd, I know **where the good ready-made** spiritual food is and go get it everyday. Everyday I read and meditate on Daily Bread articles and other devotion material written by others.

3rd, I read the Bible with **Inductive or Discovery Bible Study Method** and feed myself through God's Words in a very personal way.

4th, I **share with others** the Spiritual food I have obtained through Inductive or Discovery Bible Study Method.

**Let's all be a grown-up kid of God who can feed the babies and not a hungry crying baby of God!
This class will help you to be who God wants you to be despite where you are now!**

4) What do you think of Bible Study? Interesting, boring, challenging, etc. Why?

On our own, it can be **boring because we don't understand it**. But with help from people who knows how to make it interesting, it would no longer be boring.

Our Goal -- Bible study can be fun! "Wow, we had a good time today in our study!"

How? Through discovery or inductive Bible study!

5) What advantage does discovery Bible study have over passive learning (lecturing Bible knowledge alone)?

It **sticks** to the learner even after a long time. It gets the learner **involved** in the process and creates a sense of **ownership** of the process. It is more **fun**.

6) What advantage does group discovery Bible study have over individual discovery Bible study?

There will be **exchange of life experiences, personal feelings, friendship building** and **more insights** that God has given different group members through their own observations, study and life experience and the Holy Spirit's guidance. It also keeps the group members **accountable to apply** God's Word into their lives – the **main goal of studying God's Word**.

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