

# **INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY -REFLECTION PAPER**

Your paper will have three sections corresponding to the method being utilized in class

## **I. Observation – What does it say?**

Summarize the findings from this step in the method. Note important features of the text and how they lead to an understanding of the passage. You may use the category headings to organize this part of the paper but do not simply list all of your findings under each category. Only give data that is relevant to an understanding of the passage.

## **II. Interpretation – What does it mean?**

Answer the questions given in the method without explicitly stating them in the paper.

- A. Literary context
  1. How does the passage relate to the preceding and following material?
  2. How does the passage relate to the overall goals of the author?
- B. Social Context - How is the interpretation of this passage affected by the society in which it took place?
- C. Historical Context - Are there historical factors which speak for or against the historicity of the passage?

## **III. Application – What should I do?**

Answer the questions given in the method without explicitly stating them in the paper.

- A. What is the subject matter?
- B. What is said about the subject matter?
- C. What is the purpose of what is said?
- D. How does what is said affect life today?
  1. Society
  2. The individual
  3. Personal (Optional)

### **Paper Format:**

- 3-4 pages
- A minimum of 3 non-Biblical sources
- Do not use contractions
- Cite all uses of others' ideas, not just quotes
- 1" margins all around
- Times New Roman 12 font
- Double spaced
- Citations – Use whatever format you are comfortable with. I just need to be able to locate the cited information.