

*how to study the Bible*

**it's ELEMENTARY**



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Groups

*“looking”*



## *The Point: it's observation: looking for clues*

*Don't forget to make the announcements to your group this week!*

### Discussion Generators

- What has stood out to you so far from the **it's ELEMENTARY** Point series?
- What are the three parts of Inductive Bible Study?
  - [Observation: What Does it Say? ("Looking")]
  - [Interpretation: What Does It Mean? ("Learning")]
  - [Application: How Does It Apply to Me? ("Living")]
- How would you define Observation in your own words?  
[Observation is taking notice of what is and is not present in the biblical text, and being aware of what needs to be explained]
- Read Joshua 1:7-8.** How does this passage, specifically verse 8, relate to Observation?
- Now let's continue our Inductive Bible Study together, picking up from last week's reading of Acts 2:42-47.** Have everyone open Acts 2:42-47 (YouVersion is a good tool here) and answer the 6 observational questions based on this passage:
  - Who? [who is mentioned?]
  - What? [what things are mentioned?]
  - When? [when is it taking place?]
  - Where? [where are things happening?]
  - Why? [why are these things happening?]
  - How? [how are things being/to be done?]



•Let's break away from Acts for a moment to consider some other things to look for when observing:

- Read John 20:30.** What things are **emphasized**?
- Skim Hebrews 11.** What things are **repeated**?
- Skim Matthew 1:1-18.** What things are **related**?
- Read John 3:3-7.** What things are **alike**?
- Read Matthew 5:3-12.** What things are **unlike**?
- Skim Genesis 22.** What is **true to life**?

•**Coming back to our Inductive Bible Study of Acts 2:42-47...**

write down (and keep for next week!; recommend posterboard) **15 observations** from Acts 2:42-47, that are not repeats of the answers to the 6 observational questions on the last page.

•Great! Now that you've done that, write down **10 more observations** from Acts 2:42-47! Yes, this may seem tedious, but the more time invested in observation, the less time usually needed in interpretation—this is an investment for later!

•Now that you done that, how did you feel having to make 25+ observations from one passage?

•Why is this a helpful exercise? What can be gained or learned from it?

•Don't forget about the mc3 YouVersion (free Bible app) reading plans that we're doing together during this series . Become "friends" with mc3Church on YouVersion and sign up for the "Why Read the Bible" plan (basic) or "The Word of God Plan" (advanced) and read along with the rest of mc3! (and don't worry, YouVersion allows you to catch up!)



### **Joshua 1:7-8 (NLT)**

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

### **Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### **John 20:30 (NIV)**

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

### **Hebrews 11**

### **Matthew 1:1-18**

### **John 3:3-7 (NLT)**

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.'"

### **Matthew 5:3-12**

### **Genesis 22**