

how to study the Bible

it's ELEMENTARY

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“living”

The Point: it's application: doing what it says

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

Discussion Generators

- What has stood out to you at the end of the **it's ELEMENTARY** Point series?

- Review: what are the three parts of Inductive Bible Study?

1. [Observation: What Does it Say? ("Looking")]
2. [Interpretation: What Does It Mean? ("Learning")]
3. [Application: How Does It Apply to Me? ("Living")]

How would you define **Application** in your own words?

[Application is finding ways to apply the one interpretation that was learned in the previous step, then doing it!]

- Share a funny story of when you forgot something either trivial or important (a birthday, lost keys, homework, etc.).

- Read James 1:22-25.** How does James compare forgetting to application?

- In the Point we covered "5 Ways to Avoid Application." Share & discuss how you have seen these in action. What problems did it create? How did it prevent application?

- **Apply it to others before applying it to yourself.**
- **Substitute interpretation for application.**
- **Apply it to areas in your life in which you already practice the truth.**
- **When you find an area in need of change, rationalize your behavior, instead of dealing with your sin.**
- **Substitute an emotional experience for a willful decision.**

•**Now let's continue our Inductive Bible Study together, picking up from last week's interpretation of Acts 2:42-47.** Have everyone open Acts 2:42-47 (YouVersion is a good tool here).

•To get everyone on the same page, review what you know about Acts 2:42-47. **Summarize the passage verse-by-verse**—take your time!

•Now go back through each verse and **determine some principle(s)*** that can be applied from this passage. Remember: principles must be specific, directional, and Biblical.
[*interpretation is one, applications are many]

• Using the principle(s) that you have come up with, **brainstorm a list of 10 different ways that each can be applied.** Consider:

- your relation to God
- your relation to yourself
- your relation to others
- your relation to sin

•The most important part of application is actually DOING IT! Close your time with each person sharing one specific way that they will apply this passage, THEN have someone pray a short prayer for that person, that God would help them to make that change in their life. Go around the room until everyone has shared and then been prayed for.

**That's It Folks! Well done on working so hard through Acts 2!
Have a great summer—Pr1me Groups will resume in September
2015 with some exciting changes!**

James 1:22-25 (NLT)

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

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.