

QUICK GUIDE – INDUCTIVE PROCLAMATION MANUSCRIPT BIBLE STUDY (70 minutes)

Scripture Passage: _____

5 min **Community and Vision** – *Lead an activity that helps your group get to know one another. Then tell the group **your vision** for why you are meeting and what you want to see God do.*

2 min **Pray** – *Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your study.*

2 min **Context** – *“What comes immediately before and after this passage? What parts of this passage might be influenced by history or culture, and what might require explanation?” Note context on manuscript.*

3 min **Read** – *Read the text out loud together. Allow 2 minutes to re-read the text individually.*

15 min **See the Text** – *“Let’s gather the facts of the passage by marking and sharing what we see. We are **curious investigators**. Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect. Make sections and label them. **If you see something, say something**. Just be careful not to draw conclusions yet.”*

25 min **Dig Up Truth** – *“Let’s get curious and ask questions that will help us discuss what we think the author wanted the original readers to understand. Good questions come from our best observations.”*

Break participants into teams to form questions and post them on the manuscript.

Add 1-2 key questions you prepared ahead of time, if necessary.

Decide which 4-5 are most significant and use the passage to answer those together.

*“While answering, let’s listen and make **space for one another** as we share. We will keep the **text at the center** and avoid using any resource the original readers would not have had. Let’s keep each other on track by saying: **Please help us see that in the text.**” First 5 min answering in pairs if >10 participants.*

15 min **Proclaim + Accept** – *“How would you declare the main point of this passage? What is God saying to our community? Let’s speak truth and commit to living it out together.” After summarizing and discussing a core message of the passage, invite the group to apply this text to their lives in a relevant way.*

3 min **Pray** – *Close in prayer together or in pairs.*