

QUICK GUIDE – INDUCTIVE PROCLAMATION MANUSCRIPT BIBLE STUDY (90 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.*

5 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.*

20 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.”*

30 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.**

20 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.***

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