

Inductive Bible Study Questions for Romans 6-8 Discovering the Real Me

Inductive Bible study is a method of examining a text and seeking to determine its teaching, meaning, and application through observation and questions designed to help us understand and apply what the text teaches.

Inductive Bible study involves four simple steps you can take on your own or in a group discussion. It will help if you download the sermon notes from Pastor Sam's message on this text and refer to them as you study this passage. pbcpowdersville.org/notes

1. Reading and reflecting on a particular passage of Scripture. Inductive Bible study points us back to the text itself. It will be helpful for you to read this text four or five times in one sitting. Read the text slowly and carefully. If you are in a group, it might be helpful for several group members to read the text aloud.
2. Observation: What does this text say? We must observe what is in the text. Who is speaking? Who is listening or receiving this instruction? What is happening in the passage? What are the key ideas? Are there repeated concepts or terms? Is there information or facts to be understood? Are there commands to be obeyed? What can we learn from the grammar (nouns, verbs, prepositions, tenses, etc.)? Are there doctrinal truths or components of doctrine present in this text? Is there anything that stands out or surprises you?
3. Interpretation: What does this text mean? We must strive to understand what is being said or taught by what we observe in the text. What is the main point of this passage? What are the major ideas presented in this text? What major doctrinal teaching is presented in this text? What are the key spiritual ideas or components advanced in this text? How does this text fit into the larger argument being made in the unit?
4. Application: How should this text affect or change me? What truths must I believe and hold? Are there commands I must obey? Are there attitudes or actions I should put on or put off? What is one step I can and will take this week to reflect what I have learned from this text?

Reading the Text Together – Romans 6-8 (look at the thought units)

Unit 1: Romans 6:1-14

Unit 2: Romans 6:15-23

Unit 3: Romans 7:1-25

Unit 4: Romans 8:1-30

Unit 5: Romans 8:31-39

Observing the text carefully (Keep your NT open before you)

1. What is the term Paul uses in Romans 6:6 to describe who you were before you were saved?
2. What are the three ruling authorities in the Old Realm Paul mentions in Romans 5:12-14; 17, 20, 21?
3. What does Romans 5:15-17 tell me about my association with Adam? What does Romans 6:5-11 tell me about my association with Jesus Christ?

4. Read Ephesians 2:1; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Romans 5:10-12; Romans 8:7; Col. 1:21; and Ephesians 2:12 and list out as many conditions that were true of you in your “Old Man” state before coming to Christ.
5. Read Romans 5:1-3,5,9-10, and Romans 6:11 and list out as many conditions that are now true of you in your “New Man” state after coming to Christ.
6. What does Paul say dwells in him that causes him to have an ongoing struggle with sin (Romans 7:14-25)?
7. What is the new nature like for believers according to Ephesians 4:4?
8. What is the relationship between my old nature (the flesh) and my new nature according to Romans 7:21-25?
9. What is the major question Paul asks in Romans 7:24 and who or what is the answer Paul gives in Romans 8:1-11?

Interpreting the text thoughtfully (*Pastor Sam’s sermon notes on this passage might provide additional helpful information*)

10. What two things happened to me when I was united to Christ according to Romans 6:5? The first thing is found in Romans 6:2 and the second is in Romans 6:8.
11. When we died with Christ, what exactly was crucified with him according to Romans 6:6?
12. What was raised with Christ when He rose from the dead (Romans 6:4 – hint, it is the opposite of the old self that died)?
13. What was the intended purpose of our old self being crucified with Christ according to Romans 6:6?
14. How does Paul say sin “reigns” in our earthly bodies according to Romans 6:12?
15. What are we supposed to do with our bodies now that our old man is dead and our new man and its new nature are firmly established in us (6:12-14)?

Applying the text personally (*ask yourself the tough questions from this text*)

16. Paul states that baptism is the outward ceremony that serves as a picture of what happened to us when we were born again and announces our new life to others. Have you been baptized by immersion? If not, do you think it was important to Paul that believers be baptized in a way that described what he is talking about in Romans 6:1-11 through our death, burial, and resurrection with Christ? Why do you think it is hard for some believers to be baptized by immersion and how might you encourage them to consider taking this important step as a believer?
17. In what ways can you relate to Paul’s description of his own life in Romans 7:15-25?
18. What encouragement does Paul provide for struggling believers in Romans 8:1-11?
19. What truths in Romans 6-8 do you need to understand and believe more completely?
20. What applications from Romans 6 and 7 do you need to make in your fight against sin?

Pray this text together as you end your study (*Here is a sample prayer you can adapt if it is helpful, or you can pray your own prayer*)

Lord, thank you that you made it possible for me to become part of your new creation. Thank you that my old self was crucified with you on the cross and that I am a new man/woman because of my

association with you! Thank you that you have created a new nature in me that is fashioned according to and hungers and thirsts for your righteousness! Lord, I find myself like Paul – struggling with the obedience I want to give and the disobedience I find myself at times doing. Please help me understand the truths you have put in these chapters to help me. Help me to believe them. And help me to act on them in ways that will allow your Spirit to empower me to obey and enable me to win the fight against sin every day!