

Study like a Berean. Observe. Interpret. Apply.

How to do inductive Bible study — the whole method, step by step, using the tools already under your fingers in the Berean Dashboard.

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” — Acts 17:11

01 What inductive study is — and why it matters

Letting the text speak before you do.

Inductive Bible study means you go to the Scriptures **firsthand**. Instead of starting with what a teacher, a devotional, or even a study Bible says, you start with the text itself and let it teach you — the way the Bereans checked even the apostle Paul against the Scriptures, daily. It moves in three honest steps, always in order:



THE LOOP — AND THE ORDER IS THE INTEGRITY: NEVER DECIDE WHAT IT MEANS BEFORE SEEING WHAT IT SAYS.

Why it matters: secondhand truth is thin. When you have seen it yourself — marked the repeated word, chased the Greek, watched the "therefore" connect — the Word does what Hebrews 4:12 says it does. The Dashboard exists to make this method easy enough to do *daily*. If you use SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer), everything here fits — the notes tabs and the Partner meet you in it.

02 Set up your cockpit — five minutes, once

Everything lives on one screen. Set it up once and it remembers you.

1. **Open** berean-dashboard.pages.dev — and add it to your Home Screen (Share → Add to Home Screen on iPhone). It installs like an app and keeps working with no signal; it also protects your saved notes.

2. **Open your passage.** Pick a book and chapter at the top (or type [John 3:16](#) in the box and hit [Open](#)). Your columns show up to four translations side by side — **KJV carries the blue Strong's numbers**, and the **Greek/Hebrew originals** ride in their own column with pronunciation under every word.

3. **Name a study.** On the [Notes](#) tab, tap [+](#) and name it ("Acts — Week 3"). Your markings and notes stay with that study.

4. **Make the legend yours.** Open [☐Marking legend](#) at the bottom of the Notes tab. Colors for God's character, commands, promises, repeated words, contrasts — decide what each color means to *you*. Then select any word or phrase in the scripture text to mark it.

5. **Turn on the voice, if it helps.** On the [Partner](#) tab check [Read the Partner's answers aloud](#) — and if typing or reading back is the hard part, everything in this guide can be spoken and heard instead.

03 Observe — see what it actually says

The blue column of the loop. Slow eyes; honest questions.

Read the whole chapter once, without stopping. Tap  **Read** in the top bar to hear the chapter read to you while you follow. Atmosphere first, details second.

Then hunt. Who is speaking, and to whom? What words repeat? What contrasts ("but," "rather")? What commands? What "therefore" — and what is it there for? Mark each find with your legend colors right on the text.

Write what you see — or say it. Open . Type, or tap the  in the notes toolbar and just talk: "Luke contrasts the Bereans with Thessalonica... 'daily' — they searched daily..." Your words land in the note as you speak. Tap  or press Esc when done. Tap  **Read** beside it any time to hear your own notes back.

Try it now — Acts 17:11. Open it, read it once, and mark: the contrast word that opens the verse, the two things the Bereans did, and the word that tells you how often. Then dictate one sentence into Observation about what "searched" suggests about effort.

04 Interpret — dig where you marked

The gold column. Context rules, and the original languages are one tap away.

Chase a word into the Greek. Tap any blue Strong's number in the KJV — or any word in the originals column — and the **Lexicon** tab opens it: definition (Thayer's for Greek, BDB for Hebrew), transliteration, pronunciation. In Acts 17:11, tap **G350** on "searched" — *anakrinō*, to examine judicially, the word used for cross-examining evidence. That one tap changes how you read the verse.

Keep context king. Read the paragraph before and after. Ask: what did this mean to the people who first heard it? The **<** **>** arrows walk you chapter to chapter.

Check the teachers — after you've looked yourself. The **Guzik** tab brings David Guzik's Enduring Word commentary to your verse; the **Blog** tab surfaces Smith For Christ posts touching your passage. Commentaries confirm and sharpen; they never replace your own look. That order is the Berean posture.

Ask the Partner — it asks back. On the **Partner** tab, type or speak your question (tap **□**, talk, pause — it sends itself). It sees your passage, your markings, and your notes, and it coaches like a good teacher: pointing you to where to look. Check **Conversation — hands-free** and you can go back and forth without touching the screen. It knows the inductive method, SOAP, Guzik, MacArthur, David Jeremiah, and Amir Tsarfati — and it will tell you plainly: Scripture outranks every teacher, including itself.

Try it now. Ask the Partner: "What does the Greek behind 'searched' add to my focused verse?" — then check its answer against the Lexicon tab yourself. That's not distrust; that's the whole point of the app's name.

05 Apply, pray, and bless the table

The green column — and the study's outflow.

Application is personal or it isn't application. Open **Notes → Application** and answer plainly: is there a promise here to trust this week? A sin to confess today? A command to obey — and what would obeying it look like Thursday at work? Write (or speak) one specific sentence. One lived sentence beats ten admired paragraphs.

Close in prayer. Ask the Partner to close your study in prayer — it will compose one from the very truths you just studied, praise to petition, for you to pray. If you journal SOAP, this is your P.

Hand your group something beautiful. Export your study as a print-ready PDF study sheet or a Word document — your legend, your notes, your name on it. The work you did alone becomes the handout on the table.

When you want to...	Reach for...
Hear the chapter or your notes	▶ Read (top bar for scripture · notes toolbar for your notes)
Speak instead of type	□ — notes toolbar to dictate · Partner box to ask
Go hands-free with the Partner	Conversation — hands-free checkbox (Esc stops it)
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Check a teacher	Guzik and Blog tabs — after your own look
Fill the screen with one thing	□ full-screen notes (Esc returns)
Share the finished study	Export — elite PDF or Word, from your notes exactly
Learn the method deeper	Inductive Guide link at the bottom of the app

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