

3. For today's study, we will consider how to apply. Let's study Micah chapter 6.
- a. Read the passage repeatedly, using the observation and interpretation skills you've been practicing in prior weeks.
  - b. Bombard the text with the 9 application questions. In any given text, it is unlikely that you will find instances of all 9, but you will likely find several. What do you find?
    - (1) Example to follow?
    - (2) Sin to avoid?
    - (3) Promise to claim?
    - (4) Prayer to repeat?
    - (5) Command to obey?
    - (6) Condition to meet?
    - (7) Verse to memorize?
    - (8) Error to mark?
    - (9) Challenge to face?

**Let's Pray:**

# Sermon Notes

"Truth or Consequences"

Micah 6

August 5, 2018

## Introduction

### 1. The Outward Conduct (6:10-12)

### 2. The Inner Attitude (6:6-7)

### 3. God's Biblical Standard (6:8)

a.

b.

c.

## Conclusion

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 08-05-18

## Overview of the Inductive Bible Study Process

There are three steps: observation, interpretation, and application.

1. Observation asks and answers the question: What do I see?
2. Interpretation asks and answers the question: What does it mean?
3. Application asks and answers the question: How does it work?

(Howard Hendricks repeated these questions so many times, I don't have a specific reference, but he's the one who taught them to me!)

Don't quit now! Today, we begin on to Application skills.

### Getting Started:

1. What are some possible dangers when we study God's word, taking note of what we see in the step of observation, and then seeking to understand it through the step of interpretation, but fail to apply it to our lives?

### Digging Deeper:

#### The Value of Application

Application is the most neglected yet the most needed stage in the process. Too much Bible study begins and ends in the wrong place: It begins with Interpretation, and it also ends there. But we've learned that you don't start with the question, What does this mean? But rather, What does this say? Furthermore, you don't end the process by asking, What does this mean? But rather, How does this work? Again, not does it work – but how?

Understanding, then, is simply a means to a larger end – practicing biblical truth in day-to-day life. Observation plus interpretation without application equals abortion. In other words, every time you observe and interpret but fail to apply, you perform an abortion on the Scriptures in terms of their purpose. The Bible was not written to satisfy your curiosity; it was written to transform your life. The ultimate goal of Bible study, then, is not to do something to the Bible, but to allow the Bible to do something to you, so truth become tangent to life. (Howard G. & William D. Hendricks, *Living By the Book*, Moody Press, Chicago, 1991, p. 283-4)

2. Pray first. James 1:21-25 emphasizes the importance of becoming more than just a hearer but also a doer of the word. Paraphrase it for your own prayer.

## Study Hint

Here are nine application questions to ask when you come to the Word:

Is there a(n)	Explanation
Example to follow?	Much of the Bible is biographical. God fills His Word with people because nothing helps the truth come alive the way people do. The challenge is to draw parallels between your situation and that of the character you are studying.
Sin to avoid?	One of the values of the Word is that it raises your consciousness in regard to moral issues. What sin is named or portrayed in this text that should be avoided?
Promise to claim?	God's Word is filled with promises, made by the Person who does not lie and is totally capable of fulfilling them. Of course, not all promises in Scripture are given to you and me. Some promises God made to certain individuals, not to people in general. Others he made to groups of people, such as the nation of Israel. We can't claim promises that haven't been made to us. But we can certainly claim promises made to the church, as well as those made to "the righteous" in the wisdom literature.
Prayer to repeat?	As you study, ask yourself, What is there in these prayers that I need to be praying?
Command to obey?	The Bible is filled with potent, clear-cut commands. What commands are in your text? How do they apply to you?
Condition to meet?	Many of the promises of God are based on conditions set forth in the text. God makes many incredible promises, but be sure to notice if there is a condition that must be met.
Verse to memorize?	Obviously, any verse of Scripture can be memorized. But some will carry more significance for you than others. Develop your own list of personally meaningful verses.
Error to mark?	Many Christians have fuzzy thinking when it comes to fundamental building blocks of the faith. As a result, they are sitting ducks for theological error. As you investigate God's Word, ask yourself: What doctrines and truths is this passage teaching? What theological errors is it exposing? What changes do I need to make in my thinking in order to bring it in line with what the Scriptures teach?
Challenge to face?	Have you ever read a portion of the Bible and felt convicted that you needed to act on the basis of what you've read? Often when you read the Word, the Spirit of God will challenge you to respond in some area of your life. Are you open to such change?

(Adapted from Howard G. & William D. Hendricks, *Living By the Book*, Moody Press, Chicago, 1991, p. 304-307.)