

3. For today's study, we will consider how to apply. Let's study Micah chapter 7:1-10.
  - a. Read the passage repeatedly, using the observation and interpretation skills you've been practicing in prior weeks.
  - b. Try using the two applicational grids above to think of possible applications from this text. Again, in any given text, you may not find an answer to every category or every applicational question. But you will likely find several. What do you find?

# Sermon Notes

"How to Count on Grace Even When Under God's Correction"

Micah 7:1-10

August 12, 2018

**Let's Pray:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 08-12-18

## 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!)

Let's take another approach to Application.

### Getting Started:

1. What have you learned about the Inductive Bible Study Process this summer that was new to you? What has been particularly helpful?

### Digging Deeper:

#### The Value of Application

The ultimate goal of Bible study is to practice the truth. Scripture was written not to fatten geese but to train athletes and equip soldiers for the realities of life. "Run to win." "Fight to win." That's the message of the Word.

You can't consciously apply every truth you find in your study, but you can consistently apply something. So you always want to ask yourself, *Is there some area of my life for which this truth is needed?* (Howard G. & William D. Hendricks, *Living By the Book*, Moody Press, Chicago, 1991, p. 300-301)

2. Pray first. The author to the Hebrews quotes an Old Testament passage, but applies it to his current audience: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts" (Heb. 3:7-8). If we are not open to the Holy Spirit as he speaks through the Word, we can consciously or unconsciously be rejecting the truths and in the process harden our heart. . Ask God to let you hear the prompting of the Spirit, and to guard you against hardening your heart.

## Study Hint

Beyond the nine application questions offered last week, here are two additional grids to consider when in the application phase.

What do I need to ...	Question
Know	What is in this passage that I am to know and believe?
Be	What character qualities does God want for me from this passage?
Do	How am I to reveal my faith through my actions? Are there actions I need to change, or sins I need to confess?

(Adapted from Oletta Wald, *The Joy of Discovery in Bible Study*, Revised Edition, Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, MN, pp. 88-91.)

Relationships are key areas for application. Consider each relationship:	
What does this passage say to me about my relationship ...	With God
	With family
	With church
	With my neighborhood or community
	With work

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