

Outline for 3-Hour Interactive Manuscript Bible Study (Level II Saturday Morning Study)

- **Brief Introduction to Manuscript Study- 10 min**
 - **“What do you notice about this manuscript that is different from your Bible?”**
 - **“What do you think might be some advantages of doing it this way?”**
 - **Share briefly about how God has used manuscript study or inductive Bible study in your life, and why you love the Word.**
- **Brief Introduction to the Book or Passage- 5 min**
 - **Share the basic facts of the book such as the author, date, audience, historical context. Do this in a way that is compelling, that captures the larger drama of the book and how it came to be written. For instance, if studying Mark, help the group imagine what it would have been like to be a persecuted Jewish Christian in Rome getting this document.**
- **Brief Introduction to What to do in Their Individual Time (A few tips on “entering the text” or “getting the story straight”)- 5 min**
- **Individual Time 20 min**

- **Share Observations/questions together in large group- 25 min**
 - **Maybe start out with a few minutes of sharing by twos or sharing in their small groups to get them used to talking**

- **List questions and have each small group pick a question and work on answering it.- 15 min**
 - **Give some training on “how to answer a question- where to look” (ie the text itself, the Old Testament if you are doing a NT book, the *New Bible Dictionary*)**

- * **Walk Through the Passage Again, Leading the Large Group in Answering the Questions- 55 min**
 - **this is the key time in the study. Give the most time and attention to this. This is the heart of “interpretation as a community”**

- **Summarize- clearly restate the main points-5 min**

- **Lead the group in processing and applying- 15 min**
 - **share how this passage gripped you and changed you**
 - **have them come up with application ideas**

Note: You should have two breaks during the three hours, one of 15 minutes, one of 10 minutes.

Note: The processing time at the end is very important. Don't plan on taking time from this crucial section if other parts of the study are running over. Keep the last 15-20 minutes as sacred time to process.