

## ARE WE MISSING THE HEART?

- I. INTRODUCTION and GOAL
- II. BIBLICAL BASIS
  - A. Old Testament concept of knowledge where the mind and action are connected — Jeremiah 22:16
  - B. Jesus' teaching – Matthew 7:24–27; the Great Commission — Matthew 28:18–20
  - C. The model of changed lives and spiritual growth in early disciples — Acts 4:13; 17:16
  - D. James 2:22–24; Hebrews 10:24
- III. PRINCIPLES OF INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY
  - A. Observation – What does it say? Who, what, when, where, why and how questions
  - B. Interpretation – What does it mean?
  - C. Application – What does it mean to me today?
- IV. SITUATIONS WHERE THIS CAN BE USED
  - A. Bible study – both individual and group study. Don't go down the line of questions 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. Don't ask all the printed questions. Write application questions and ask them. Use follow-up questions. Outside helps is OK and often useful, e.g., The Serendipity Bible for Study Groups by Lyman Coleman (Zondervan Publishers). Change, add, and skip questions. Prioritize the questions as you do your own lesson. Tag each question with: \*, \*\*, "skip"; "optional"; or with red ink. Flag the best questions. Always ask at least one application question!
  - B. Small groups – facilitate discussion, thinking, and application. Don't just dump knowledge, but facilitate discovery.
  - C. Discipleship, coaching/counseling, talks, sermons
- V. COMMON PROBLEMS: HOW TO OVERCOME THEM

<u>Problem</u>	<u>Solution</u>
A. Knowledge = Growth, Mind = Heart.	move from head knowledge to heart application
B. Getting too personal	because you are important to God and me
C. Not enough time	totally worth it, skip some Obs. and Interp. Qs
D. Non-specific applications	coach, guide, help to be specific
E. Prayerlessness	you need to pray for them
F. Not tethering the application to Bible	ask, "Where in the passage did you get that?"
G. Lack of challenge	stretch yourself and them, cast vision for growth
H. Poor modeling, no examples	not OK: remember the power of one
I. Unconfessed sin in their life	Psalms 32 and 1 John 1:9
J. Spirit-filled life	who is on the throne of life? Self? Jesus?
K. Need for daily quiet time	the soil for spiritual growth
L. Balanced Christian life	prayer, the Word, fellowship, witnessing
M. Lack of accountability	review last week's applications
N. Other problems	....

VI. SAMPLE QUESTIONS

- A. "How can you apply this passage to your life this week?"
- B. "What specific steps do you plan to take to develop this principle?"
- C. "What are you going to do to grow in \_\_\_\_\_? How can you get God's help in this process?"
- D. "How do you feel about the promise in \_\_\_\_\_?"
- E. "How have you experienced this truth?"
- F. "What do you sense God is using to develop \_\_\_\_\_ in your life?"

VII. WORKSHOP

Read James 5:7-12. What is one principle or central teaching you can draw from this passage?

Note it here.

Write at least one application question you are ready to ask.