

Inductive Bible Study Questions

Read the Passage Below, and...

1. Select a word that strikes a chord with you (positive or negative)
2. What made you select this particular word?
3. *Now Read the Passage again as a whole...*
4. Why did Jesus go to a deserted place by himself? What had happened?
5. What is the story of this passage?
6. What does this passage really mean – is there a hidden message in it? What is God telling me?
7. Am I encouraged and strengthened? How?
8. What might stand in the way of these teachings affecting me?
9. Does anything in the passage apply to a) this 'modern era' or b) to me?
10. Is there anything I should do about it?
11. What thought/teaching/practice can I model and teach?
12. What specifically does God want me to share with someone? Who?

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. "When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick." ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.
