Inductive Bible Study Worksheet

Philemon

**STEP 1:** Pray, asking God to:

* Quiet your heart.
* Speak to your heart.

**STEP 2:** Spend a few moments sitting quietly for you to sense the presence of God.

**STEP 3:** Read Philemon a few times.

**STEP 4:** Complete the following:

## Observation:

Who is writing?

What do you know about the writer? (use commentaries to help you answer this)

Who is he writing to?

What do you know about the recipient(s)? (Use commentaries)

There are certain themes that are repeated. What are they?

Where is the church meeting? Why do you think it was meeting there?

Who are the other actors in this chapter? Give their names. How do they are “relate” to each other? (commentaries)

Where was the writer writing from?

What was the plea presented?

What is the plea based on?

Does Philemon tell you where “this” is taking place? If so, tell me something about the context.

What resources did you use to “observe”? List them.

## Interpretation:

Do the names have meaning to them? If so, what do they mean?

Why does the writer use the phrases “dear friend” and “fellow worker”?

Why do you think the writer tells the recipient of the letter that he remembers to pray and give thanks for him?

Why do you think the following phrases were used?

* Partnership in the faith
* Brother
* Prisoner of Christ Jesus

What does the writer want the recipient of the letter and the church to do? Why?

## Application

What do you sense God is saying to you through your reading and study of Philemon? Give at least 6 applications.