**[ Inductive Bible Study Question – LA UBF ]**

**Mark 9:42-50**

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| **42** “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. **43** If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. **[44]** [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24583b)] **45** And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. **[46]** [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24585c)] **47** And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, **48** where  “‘the worms that eat them do not die,  and the fire is not quenched.’[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24587d)]  **49** Everyone will be salted with fire.  **50** “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.” |

**I. General observation (What does the text say?)**

The first step in Inductive Bible Study is to get the **big picture**; to see the **forest** before the individual trees!

Focus on understanding the overall context and structure. Apply Observation tools selectively to the text situation.

**1. Identify a Genre of this chapter**

Historical Narrative

**2. Big Picture**

identified the background, historical context and overall sense of the entire book

🡪 Refer to the book of Mark gospel Introduction

**3. Factual Study**

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| **Read whole passage, divide the passage into different paragraphs and make your own subtitle for each paragraph (10 min)** |

**II. Observe and interpret paragraphs according to the following division.**

**1. Try to figure out this event using 5W1H.**

- Who (main characters) :

- When (time) :

- Where (place) :

- What (what happened?) :

**2.What are the emphasized or repeated words of the passage?**

**- emphasized word**

**- repeated word**

**3. Write down the contrasts and comparisons in the passage.**

**4. Write down the connections.**

**(**If condition, cause & effect etc)

**5. Write down the main points of this passage.**

(Consider the author's flow of thought)

**6. What are keywords and verses?**

**7. Write down the main thought of the passage in one sentence.**

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| **8. Interpretation & Application**  **(“What lesson does the passage give to the audience? & How can I apply the text to me?”)**  **1) Interpretive questions? (The questions that we make to get the lesson from the text)**  Ex) Why should we love one another?    **2) Interpretation**  **3) Apply the text to your life**   * **The Word that touched your heart** * **Examine yourself with the word and write what you find. (refer to the guideline)** * **What can you do to obey the word? (try to write specific action)** |

**III. Let’s share our application in the group taking a turn.**

**\* Guideline for application**

**Step1) Examine Ourselves**

Examine your life by asking nine questions in five areas.

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| **<Areas to Examine>**  My relation with God  My personal life  My relations with others  (family, church, work..)  My relation with the enemy  My world | **<Nine Questions>**  Is there an example for me to follow?  Is there a sin to avoid?  Is there a promise to claim?  Is there a prayer to repeat?  Is there a command to obey?  Is there a condition to meet?  Is there a verse to memorize?  Is there an error to mark?  Is there a challenge to face? |

**Step2) Make Action Plan**

1) Decide on a specific action (goal of meditation)

2) Application must be practical: - Practical / Measurable / Attainable

**Step3) Share your decision**

**Step4) Do action**

**Step5) Check your fruit of application**