Inductive Bible Study Chart

Step 1: Select a book or passage of Scripture to study.
Step 2: Pray that God would direct and teach you.
Step 3: Read the passage through at least twice.
Step 4: Fill out the Chart Below.
Date:
Passage of Scripture:
Translation Used:
Context for the Passage. Using the passage itself and the Study Bible introductory materials, answer the following:
Who wrote this book (author)?
To whom was it written (audience)?
Who or what was it written about (subject)?
When was the book written (date)?
When did the events of the book occur (timeline)?
From where was the book written (source location)?
Where did the primary events take place (location)?
Observation: What does the passage say?
Key Characters:
Key words:
Key Phrases:
Key Concepts:
Key Actions:
Write out the people in your own words.
Write out the passage in your own words:

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

Why was the book written (purpose)?
What is the major theme or purpose (message)?
What does the author want us to know or understand?
Why did the author emphasize the things he did?
What is unclear about the meaning in this passage?

Meditation: What does it mean to me?

What struck me most about this passage?
What does God seem to be telling me here?
How does this passage strengthen, encourage or convict me?
What questions does this raise in my mind?

Application: How do I apply this to my life?

What has God taught me through this passage?
What aspects directly relate to me and my life?
How do I need to change based on what I've learned?
What does God want me to do differently now?
What immediate actions should I take?