

Observe – REFLECT – Apply

*** Read through the passage – more than once – in multiple translations ***

OBSERVE – What Happened? What was Said?

1) Summarize the passage in a sentence or two

2a) Basic Details: What stands out to you? (Important? Like?/Dislike? Bother you? Unknown?/Confusing?) ★ Does anything raise a question? ★ Are there repeated words or phrases? ★ Key on the beginning and end of a section ★ Ask: Who? What? Where? When? How? Why?

REFLECT – What is the Lesson God wants People to Learn?

2b) What is the significance of each Observation Details that stood out to you? (What insights do they give about the passage?) – Things to consider:

- ◆ Context
- ◆ Cultural details
- ◆ Place in God's overall plan
- ◆ Relevant cross-references

❖ Look at the BIG PICTURE...

3) What is the Key Verse(s)? (A verse that sums up or explains the passage)

4) What is the Overall Subject?

5) What are the Lessons?

6) What is the Main Lesson (Theme)?

➤ What does the overall passage say or show about the relationship God wants to have with you? EXAMPLES:

- ◆ God's nature; His desire for a relationship; His role in the relationship
- ◆ Our nature; Our need for a relationship; Our role in the relationship
- ◆ Obstacles to the relationship; Ways to grow/improve the relationship
- ◆ The role that *grace* plays in the relationship
- ◆ The fact that God is *in control & loves us* – and how *trusting* that impacts us

APPLY – How Do I Need to Grow or Change?

7) In what ways does the lesson apply to me? (What changes do I need to make? In what way do I need to grow?)

8) What are specific steps I will take to live out the lesson... change... grow?

➤ Pray for God to continue to work in your life in this area

It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.
Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

Passage: _____
OBSERVE – Passage Summary (#1)

REFLECT – Lessons (#5)

OBSERVE – Details (#2a)

REFLECT – Significance (#2b)

REFLECT – Key Verse(s) (#3) & Subject (#4)

→→→ MAIN LESSON (Theme) (#6) ←←←

APPLY – Actions (#7 & #8)