

Q1: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Look carefully at:

the words and phrases:

- Repetitions, Contrasts, Surprises
- Big Bible Words
- Characters
- If there is dialogue, who is talking to whom?
- Setting (timeline and place). Does it change?
- Mark any Old Testament quotes or allusions

the whole passage:

- What kind of writing is this? (ie. narrative, poetry, parable, teaching)
- How does the plot unfold? (Conflict? Climax? Resolution?)
- Divide the passage into its natural sections
- Create a heading for each section
- Is there a major idea being communicated?

Q2: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Look at the context:

- Read the passage immediately before and after, how does the context help us understand the meaning of the text?
- Look up cross references. How do they help us better understand the passage?

What's the main idea of this passage?

Q3: WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE REVEAL ABOUT THE GOSPEL?

What do we learn about...

- How and why God saves us?
- Jesus' role in God's salvation plan?
- What it means to follow Jesus?

Q4: HOW DO I RESPOND TO WHAT GOD HAS REVEALED?

Identify one thing in particular that God has revealed to you in this passage. The questions below may be helpful:

SPECK

- S—Is there a Sin to repent of and to avoid?
- P—is there a Promise to believe and rejoice in?
- E—is there an Example for me to follow?
- C—is there a Command for me to obey?
- K—is there Knowledge for me to freshly understand?

As you seek to follow Jesus in light of this truth, how can you pray, and ask for prayer?

FINISH IN PRAYER

