

BIBLE STUDY EXERCISE

SELECT

What verses must you include?		
What is the main verse you are studying?	If you are to accurately study that verse, what other verses must you also include to get the appropriate context?	What other translations will you reference?

OBSERVE

What does it say?		
<p>WHO are the people involved? Who is it talking about?</p> <p>WHAT is happening? What are the key words?</p>	<p>WHERE did it happen? Where will it take place?</p> <p>WHEN did it happen? When will it happen?</p>	<p>HOW did it happen? How was something done?</p> <p>WHY did he say that? Why did he do that? Why did they go there?</p>

INTERPRET

What does it mean?		
<p>What would the original hearers (or readers) of this passage have understood?</p> <p>What is the main train of thought? What is the point?</p>	<p>What conclusions are being made?</p> <p>What is the literal meaning of the passage? What is the plain sense of the passage?</p>	<p>Are there other passages in the Bible that support the interpretation of this passage?</p>

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APPLY

What does it tell me about God?		
What does the passage reveal about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit? • What attributes of God does it deal with?	What does it reveal about what God thinks of himself? • What does it reveal about what God thinks of me?	What is God's role in the passage? • What steps does he take or will he take?

RESPOND

How should I respond?		
How does the passage apply to my life? • What is required of me from this text? • How can I be more like Jesus in light of this passage?	How can I model God's character? • How would the Holy Spirit help me to accomplish what's being asked of me? • What commitment should I make to respond to this passage?	What promises can I hold on to? • How can I love God more by applying these verses to my life? • How can I love others more by applying these verses to my life?