

CONTEXT

- » Who authored this portion of Biblical text?
- » What do I know about the author?
- » Who was the original audience?
- » What happened in the previous chapter?
- » What happens in the next chapter?
- » How does this chapter fit into the other sections of this same book?
- » How does it fit into the whole storyline of the Bible?
- » Is this a narrative (story), an epistle (letter), poetry, or prophesy?

OBSERVATION

- » What are some key words in this section?
- » Do any words repeat?
- » Who is the main "actor"?
- » How do I see God at work?
- » Where does the focus of this text seem to be?
- » Any familiar verses I knew previously?
- » What questions do I have about this text?

MEANING

- » My God is...
- » My God does...
- » What is the "big idea" in this text?
- » Any explicit or implicit connection to Christ?
- » Can I break this section down into multiple points?
- » How does the author want me to think about God?
- » How does this challenge any previous misconceptions?

APPLICATION

- » Who could I share this with today?
- » How should the truths mentioned above impact my life today?
- » What is God calling me to change?
- » What portion was an encouragement to me?
- » Do I have any sin that's been identified and needs to be confessed?
- » How can I practically thank God for this truth?
- » Why does it matter to me?