

Bible Study Questions Sheet

- **Determine the Context**

- Who is the one talking?
- Who is the recipient?
- What are 3 things that have happened to get to this point? (Or what has been talked about so far?)
- What is 1 thing that is about to happen next?
- If you could package the text into a single theme, what would it be?

- **Observe the Text**

Play “I Spy” with the biblical text- what do you see?

- Read the text several times and make 10-15 quick observations and write them down.
 - Are there any **repeated** words?
 - Are there any **unique** words?
 - What are the **verbs**?
 - What are the **adjectives**? (Describing nouns)
 - What **prepositions** (Above, below, towards, around, etc.) are there?

- **Interpret the text**

There is only ever ONE interpretation- what does it mean? You’re on the hunt for what the author means in what he says as understood by his original audience.

- **Correlate the text**

Support the interpretation with other Scripture, illustrations, logic.

- What other verses talk about the same thing?
- Does the text remind you of a story in your life?
- What is the modern counterpart to what is historically being described?

- **Apply the text**

Now that you’ve drawn out its meaning, how can it change your life? NEVER ask this question before you interpret. Interpretation before application: ALWAYS.

- **Who** does this text apply to? (Men, women, husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, youths, adults?)
- **How** is the text intended to be applied?
- **Where** is the text intended to be applied?
- **When** is the text intended to be applied?
- **What** is the best way to apply the text?
- **Why** should the text be applied?
- **What’s** at stake if the text is **not** applied?