

START WITH PRAYER

EPISTLES

Q1: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Look carefully at:

The **words and phrases**

- Repeated words or themes or contrasts
- Transition words (ie. but, therefore, for, so that)
- A truth, a command, a warning, a question
- Verbs
- Surprises
- Descriptions of God: Father, Son, and Spirit
- Big Bible words
- Theme words from the book

The **whole passage**

- What kind of writing is this?
- Who is writing to whom? Why?

The **structure** of the passage:

- Divide the passage into its natural sections
- Create a heading for each section

Q2: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Look at the **context**:

- Read the passage immediately before and after.
- Read supporting passages provided in the study, or your Bible's cross references.

So, what's the big idea of the passage?

STOP TO PRAY

Q3: HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE REVEAL THE GOSPEL?

What do we learn about...

- Who God is?
- Who we are?
- What God has done/is doing/will do?
- How we are to make the gospel known?

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

Sharing Jesus—What is one practical thing you have learned about how to pray for and reach out to those around you with the Gospel?

- Are there any other ways God is calling you to respond?
- What is one thing you are going to remember from this passage?
- What is one thing you can ask for prayer for? This should be practical and personal.

FINISH IN PRAYER

QUESTION 2 What does it mean?	QUESTION 3 How does this passage reveal the Gospel?
QUESTION 1 What does it say?	QUESTION 4 How do I respond to what God has revealed?