

## START WITH PRAYER

### Q1: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Look carefully at:

**the words and phrases:**

- Repetitions, Contrasts, Surprises
- Big Bible Words
- Characters
- 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? (eg. 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
- Summarize the section in your own words

### 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?**

## STOP TO PRAY

GOSPEL NARRATIVE

### Q3: WHAT HAS BEEN REVEALED ABOUT JESUS THROUGH THIS PASSAGE?

What do we learn about:

- His identity?
- His mission?
- His relationship with the Father and the Spirit?
- His relationship with us?

Write your response to this question as a prayer.

Share with Jesus what you have learned about him.

### Q4: HOW WILL I RESPOND? WHAT WILL I PRAY?

Choose one thing in particular that God has revealed to you in this passage. Spend some time throughout your week thinking and praying through these questions:

- How has God convicted, challenged, or comforted you through this truth?
- What will it look like to respond? How is God calling you to grow?
- As you seek to follow Jesus in the light of this truth, what do you need to be praying for?

## FINISH IN PRAYER

