

START WITH PRAYER

GOSPELS

STEP 1 TEXT

What does it say?

Look for:

- Repetitions, Contrasts, Surprises !
- Transition words (ie. so, if, then, but, therefore, for)
- Characters
- Setting (timeline and place), and if and when it changes
- What kind of writing is this? (ie. narrative, poetry, parable, teaching)

How does the plot unfold? Where do you see...

- The conflict?
- The climax?
- The resolution?
- What do you think the author's emphasis is?

STEP 2 TRAVELING THROUGH SCRIPTURE

What does it mean?

- Read the passages before and after the passage. Does this add to your understanding?
- Look up cross references provided for this passage.

What do you think the big idea of the passage is?

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STEP 3 THINKING THROUGH THE GOSPEL

How is the gospel, and our need for Jesus, seen in this passage?

- What do we learn about who Jesus is in this passage?
- What does Jesus say he has come to do?
- How does Jesus help people to see their need of him?
- What appears to be keeping or have kept people from responding to Jesus?
- What response is Jesus calling from those he meets in this passage?

STEP 4 TODAY

What does this mean for me?

What is one practical thing you have learned from Jesus about how to reach out to those around you with the Gospel?

How has meeting Jesus in this passage changed your relationship with him?

- Who you know him to be?
- Why you need him?
- What he is calling you to repent and turn away from?
- What is he calling you to do?

FINISH IN PRAYER

