


# START WITH PRAYER

## STEP 1 TEXT

What does the passage say?

Look at the **words and phrases** for any:

- Repetitions
- Contrasts 
- Transition words
- Images/metaphors
- Commands or Promises
- **Descriptions of God**
- Surprises !
- Theme words from the book

Looking at the **whole passage...**

- What kind of writing is this?
- Story, prayer, poetry, teaching, dialogue, proverb?
- Does it change?
- What tone or feeling is the author trying to communicate?
- How are the ideas grouped?
- Where are the changes of thought?
- Divide the passage into its natural sections, one for each major thought.
- Create a heading or picture for each section and a one sentence summary in your own words.
- What does the structure reveal?
- What is the author's flow of thought?

WISDOM  
LITERATURE

## STEP 2

### TRAVELING THROUGH SCRIPTURE

What does the passage mean?

- **In Proverbs:** read passages provided.
- Check the structure diagram to see which part of the book you are in.
- Are there any clues about who the passage has been written by?
- Who it was written to? When? Why?
- **The Whole Bible:** read the passages provided

**So what's the main idea of the passage?**

## STOP TO PRAY

## STEP 3

### THINKING THROUGH THE GOSPEL

How is the gospel, and our need for Christ, foreshadowed?

## STEP 4

### TODAY

What does this mean for me?

FINISH IN  
PRAYER

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