

Bible Study Guide

4 SIMPLE STEPS FOR STUDYING ANY PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE

PASSAGE:

1. PRAY: GOD WILL REVEAL HIMSELF THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND BE YOUR TEACHER.

Ask God to reveal Himself in this passage. Ask Him to reveal your need.
Write your prayer/thoughts.

2. OBSERVE: READ THROUGH THE PASSAGE & CONSIDER THE THEME.

Who was this written to? What is happening in the passage? When and where did this take place?

Why did the author write this? What does this passage tell us about who God is? Look for repeated words, themes, and commands.

3. INTERPRET: WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE MEAN?

What was the intended message for the original audience? How does this passage fit within the greater story of the Bible (Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration)? Are there other parts of Scripture that help you understand this passage?

4. APPLY: WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD LIVE?

What does this tell you about your sin and need for a Savior? What has God done about what has gone wrong? What does He expect of us? How should we live? How do these truths transform your life today?
