

Week 4: Students of God's Word

Step 1: What does it say: *Observation*

- Print a copy. Write all over it.
- Read, reread, and read it again.
- Ask who, what when where, and how?
- Note key words, thoughts, ideas or repeated words/ideas.
- Note anything confusing or questions you have.

Step 2: What does it mean: *Interpret*

- Try to rewrite it in your own words, still true to its original meaning, Wrestle with the text on your own.
- Look up any unfamiliar words.
- What did I learn about God? Mankind? Myself?
- Cross-reference—similar theme, words, ideas.
- What's the main thing? The big idea?

Step 3: What am I going to do: *Application*

- How does God want me to respond to Him?
- What change needs to happen as a result of studying this passage?
- How does it apply to my life today? (Examples: A new understanding, an act of obedience, a change in my lifestyle, an acceptance of truth)

Week 4 Discussion Questions:

- Before you started following Jesus, what did you think about the Bible?
- How do you think about the Bible now?
- What place does the Bible have in your life?
- How equipped do you feel to study the Bible on your own?
- What tools do you currently use when you study?