

MANUSCRIPT BIBLE STUDY

Scripture Passage:

(1 min) Pray – Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your study.

(1 min) Context – What happens before and after this text? Has the location and time changed? What's the atmosphere like?

(3 min) Read – Read the text aloud in twos. Then read it again on your own

(10 min) Observe – Use coloured pens to mark what you see. Look for characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, comparisons, cause and effect. Do not draw conclusions – just notice and highlight things. Do this on your own!

(8 min) Share – If you are studying with others, share what you noticed in pairs.

(20 min) Interpret –

- 1) What questions do you have? No question is bad, just write it down.
- 2) Try to answer your questions.
 - a. Use your observations to discuss what you think the author wanted the original readers to understand.
 - b. Ponder the questions, explore connections and listen to each other

(5 min) Summarize – If you could communicate the core message of this passage in just one sentence, what would it be?

(10 min) Apply – *What is a question you could ask yourself from this passage? You could think about a question in one of the following categories: personal, relational, missional, about God.*
OR, you can answer the following: How does this passage challenge my current thinking about Jesus? What is this passage asking of me or my community?

(2 min) Pray