

# How to Study the Bible Guide

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## CONTEXT

- What is the genre of this book?
- Who is the author?
- Who is the original audience?
- When was it written?
- Why was it written?
- What major themes should I look for?



## OBSERVATION

- What is happening in this narrative?
- What is the basic outline of this passage?
- What words or ideas are repeated?
- What evidence of the major themes of the book are in this passage?
- How are the ideas in the passage connected to one another? Look for words like *if/then*, *therefore*, and *but* to help identify this.

## INTERPRETATION

- What did this passage mean to the original hearers?
- What cross-references help me understand the passage better?
- What is the main point of the passage?
- How does this passage fit in the redemption story of the Bible (creation, fall, redemption, and consummation)?
- Where do I see Jesus in this passage?

## APPLICATION

- How does what I learned today change how I live?
- What did I learn about myself in light of who God is?
- How should I respond in obedience?

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As you study, note that some questions may not be applicable depending on the passage you're studying.