

PRAYER: Might include confession of sin;  
petition for help in understanding  
and a prepared, teachable heart.

PASSAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

- A. Read the passage once as a general overview.
- B. Read the passage again; more slowly and carefully, looking for key words, phrases and/or events which help you understand the passage
- C. Is there logical sequence to the passage? How does it relate to the preceding section?

INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

**Ask the following questions:**

What does the passage tell me about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, man, relationships, etc?

What does the passage teach about life, man's purpose, the world?

Is there anything which you need to look up in a Bible Dictionary or Bible Commentary?

APPLICATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

**Ask the following questions in order to find something in the passage which can change the way you live today:**

1. Is there a command to obey? What is it?
2. Is there a promise to claim?
3. Is there a sin to avoid, forsake or confess?
4. Is there an example to follow or avoid?
5. Are there any warnings to heed?
6. Is there a discipline to practice?
7. Is there anything to be thankful about?
8. Is there anything to praise God for?
9. Is there a new thought?

PRAYER: Meditate upon the teachings of the passage and what they mean to you, and then pray the application into your life for change today.