

LET'S DISCOVER GOD TOGETHER

a guide to InterVarsity Bible Study



PRAY

Ask the Spirit to guide your study

OBSERVE

What's there?

- What comes immediately before and after the passage?
- What is the cultural context of the original readers?
- Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.
- Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?
- Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect.

INTERPRET

What does it mean?

- Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?
- Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.
- Answer your questions from the text and the context.
- Why is this passage or story here? Try to summarize it in one sentence.

APPLY

So what?

- How does this passage challenge how I see God, myself, or the world?
- Is there a command to obey or a promise to hold on to?
- How can I live this out with my community?
- How does this change what I'll do tomorrow?



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