

Scripture Passage: _____

5 min Community and Vision – *Lead an activity that helps your group get to know one another. Then tell the group **your vision** for why you are meeting and what you want to see God do.*

2 min Pray – *Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your study.*

3 min Read – *Read the text individually and out loud together.*

2 min Context – *“What comes immediately before and after this passage? What parts of this passage might be influenced by history or culture?” Identify the context together.*

5 min Observe – *“Let’s look closely at the passage and gather the facts by marking what we see. Be like a **curious investigator**. Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect. Make sections and label them.”*

15 min Share – *“Let’s share our observations out loud. If you see something, say something. Be careful not to draw conclusions yet.” Start in pairs or go in a circle, if they need a warmup.*

25 min Interpret – *“Let’s get curious and ask questions that will help us discuss what the author wanted the original readers to understand. Good questions come from key observations.”*

Collect their questions and then arrange them in the order of the text.

Add 1-2 key questions you prepared ahead of time, if necessary.

Decide which 4-5 are most significant, and use the passage to answer those together.

*“While answering, let’s listen and make **space for one another** as we share. We will keep the **text at the center** and avoid using any resource the original readers would not have had. Let’s keep each other on track by saying, ‘**Help us see that in the text.**’”*

3 min Summarize – *“If you could communicate the main point of this passage in just one sentence, what would it be? What core message is the author communicating to the original audience?” After some group discussion, share the brief summary and core message you prepared.*

8 min Apply – *“Let’s apply the core message to our own lives by answering this question.” Prepare an application question beforehand. Use these examples to help you get started.*

How does this passage challenge my current thinking about _____?

What is this passage asking of me or my community?

Allow a quiet moment and then share all together or just in pairs. Model vulnerability.

2 min Pray – *Close in prayer together or in pairs.*