

THE PATHWAY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

A BIBLE STUDY TOOL



STEP 1 - TEXT

What does the text say?

Look at the words and phrases for:

- Commands, truths, warnings, questions, promises
- Repeated words or themes
- Contrasts (but, although, yet, instead)
- Transitions (therefore, for, so that)
- Anything confusing or surprising
- References to God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit
- Emotion/tone
- If narrative: characters, interactions, dialogues, places, and times



STEP 2 - MEANING

What does the text mean?

- Context: who is the author, what are they saying and who is the audience?
- Genre (law, history, poetry, major prophet, minor prophet, gospel & Acts, Paul's letters, general letters, prophecy)
- What's the big idea or theme of the text?



STEP 3 - GOD

What does this text teach me about God?

- What do we learn about God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit in this text?
- How does this text point you to the Gospel?
- How does this passage challenge your understanding of God's character?



STEP 4 - TODAY

What does this text mean for me?

- What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?
- Are you being called to do anything in particular in light of this text?
- If OT: how is the Gospel and our need for Christ foreshadowed in this text?