



# How to Study the Bible

Stop, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your reading today!

## What is the Context?

**“The Bible was written for us, but not to us”**

To really get what a Bible verse means, read what comes before and after it. Think about who wrote it, why they wrote it, and what’s happening in the story. Context helps you see the full picture so you don’t misunderstand one small part — like seeing the whole puzzle, not just one piece.

### 1) Observation: LOOK – What does it say?

Slow down and really see what’s in the passage.

Ask:

- Who is speaking or being spoken to?
- What’s happening?
- What words or ideas repeat?
- What stands out or surprises me?

Try this: Circle names, underline verbs, highlight repeated words.

### 2) Interpretation: THINK – What does it mean?

Find out what the passage meant to the first readers — then what it means for you.

Ask:

- What is God teaching about Himself or people?
- Why was this written?
- What’s the main point in one sentence?

Try this:

Write your own summary:

“This passage is about \_\_\_\_\_.”

### 3) Application: LIVE – How should it change me?

God’s Word transforms us when we put it into action.

Ask:

- What truth do I need to believe today?
- Is there a sin to avoid, a command to follow, or a promise to trust?
- How can I live this truth this week?

Try this:

Write one way you’ll respond:

“Today I will \_\_\_\_\_.”