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STUDY

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# HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE FOR YOURSELF

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HOW DO I

STUDY THE BIBLE?

**OBSERVE**

**WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?**

**INTERPRET**

**WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN?**

**APPLY**

**HOW DOES THE PASSAGE TRANSFORM US?**

**USE THE PASSAGE OVER & OVER**

**MEMORIZE**

## How to Study the Bible

### Why Should I?

#### Week 01

1. Why Should I Study the Bible?
  - a. We're busy people
  - b. We have a lot of other stuff going on that's important
  - c. I'm not getting graded on it
2. The Bible is God's Word
  - a. 2 Timothy 3:16 – *"All scripture is breathed out by God..."*
  - b. It's important!
  - c. It describes the story of God's work & interaction with His people to bring about redemption & the fulfillment of His kingdom.
3. To Know Him & His Will
  - a. John 1:1-18
    - i. Jesus is the *logos* (word) of God
  - b. 1 John 2:3-8 – *"We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands."*
  - c. To know Jesus, to know God, you must know His word.
    - i. Without the word there is no salvation!
    - ii. Romans 10:13-15 – *"How can they believe without hearing about Him?"*
4. It Makes You Wise
  - a. 2 Timothy 3:15
  - b. Proverbs 1:7 – *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom & instruction."*
  - c. Wisdom is always associated with God & His Word
    - i. Foolishness is contrasted with wisdom, foolishness leads to death & destruction
5. It is Profitable
  - a. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  - b. Psalm 1:1-3

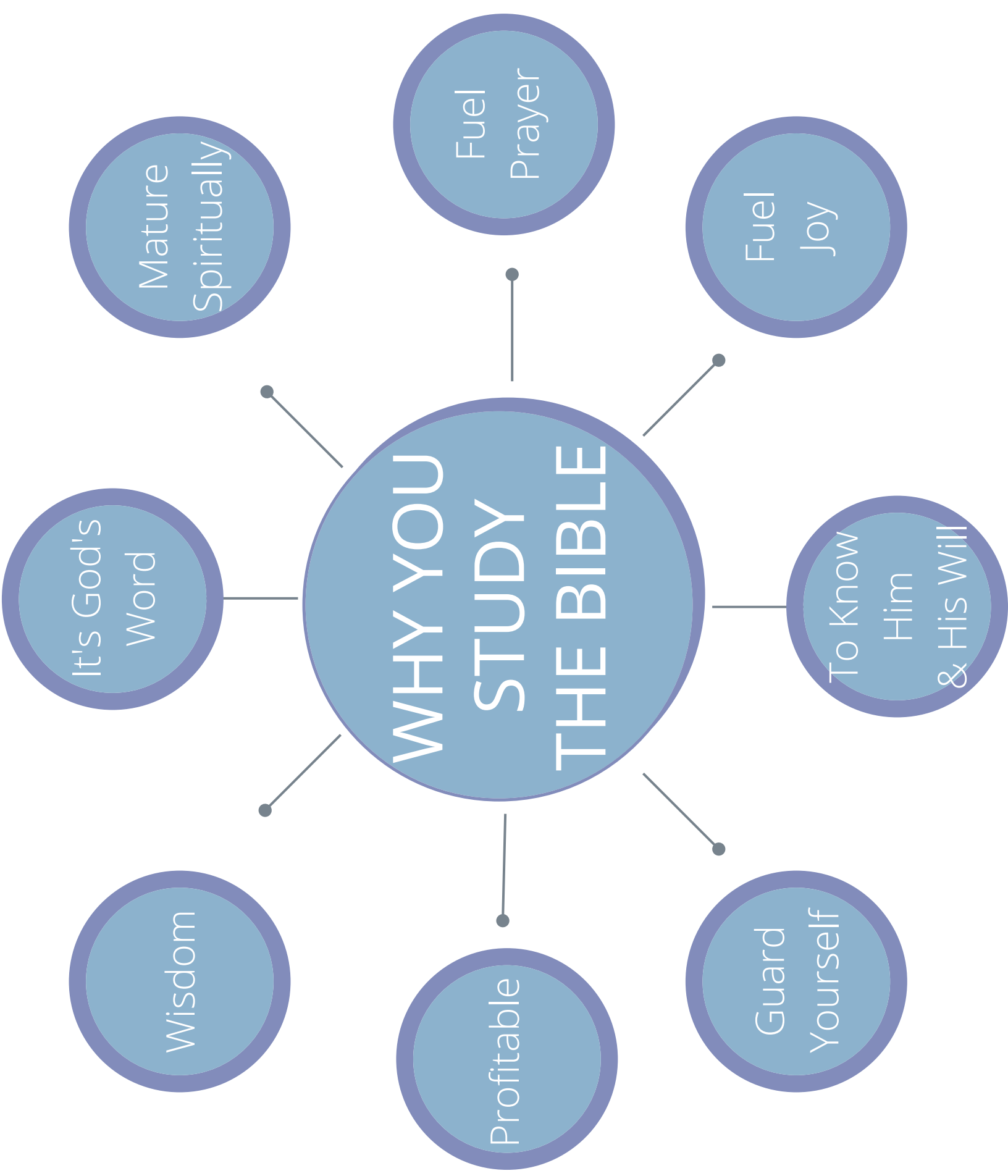
- c. John 13:17 – *“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”*
  - d. God blesses those who are obedient to Him
    - i. You cannot be obedient, unless you know His word
6. To Defend Yourself from Sin
- a. Ephesians 6:10-18
    - i. *“Belt of truth”*
    - ii. *“Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*
  - b. Temptation of Jesus
    - i. Jesus knew & quoted Scripture to defend against sin & temptation
7. To Mature Yourself in Godliness
- a. Hebrews 5:12-14
    - i. There is an expectation to grow & mature in your spiritual life
    - ii. The primary way we do that is through studying God’s Word, the Bible
  - b. Romans 12:2 – *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”*

## **Bible Study Method #1**

### **READ THE BIBLE!**

### **SMALL GROUP TIME**

1. How often, if ever, do you read or study the Bible on your own?
2. Do you think that’s enough? Why, or why not?
3. What can you do to spend more time studying the Bible?
4. READ JOHN 1



# HOW TO START READING THE BIBLE

1

MAKE  
TIME



2

CHOOSE  
A GOOD  
TRANSLATION



3

FIND  
A PLAN



## How to Study the Bible

### IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU

#### Week 02

1. The Bible is not about you!
  - a. You are not the center of everything,
  - b. God is!
  - c. Stop asking, "What does this passage mean to me?"
    - i. Instead, ask, "What is God teaching me in this passage?"
2. The Bible is about God's plan of salvation in Jesus.
  - a. Jesus From Cover to Cover
3. The Bible was originally written to different people & groups, for different reasons, by different people over about 4,000 years.
  - a. It is important that we keep the appropriate context in mind as we read & study the Bible.
    - i. Who wrote this passage?
    - ii. Why did they write it?
    - iii. Who were they writing it to?
    - iv. What issues of that day were they addressing?

## Bible Study Method #2

### INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

- Inductive Reasoning is the process of using examples & observations to reach conclusions.
- Inductive Bible Study involves reading & observing the text, in its original context to find its original meaning, we then apply that truth to our own setting & lives.
  1. Read the Passage
  2. Determine the Context
  3. Comprehend what's happening in the passage
  4. Interpret what is happening in the passage

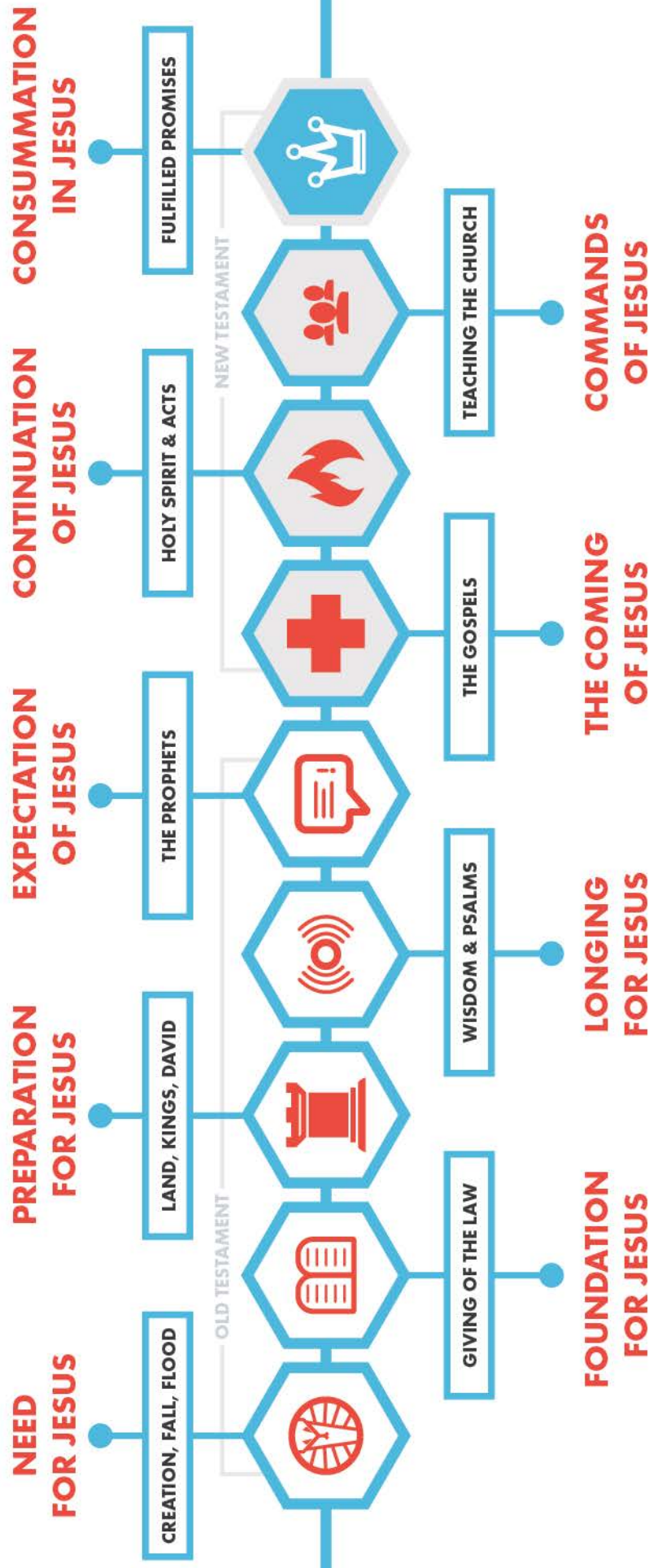
5. Apply it to your setting & life

### **SMALL GROUP TIME**

1. STUDY JOHN 1:1-18 USING THE GUIDES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES



# Jesus – Cover to Cover





## CONTEXT

- Author:
- Audience:
- Reason for Writing:
- Historical Context?:
  
- Before:
  
- After:

## COMPREHENSION

What's happening in the Text?

Key words, phrases, themes?

References to other passages,  
characters, stories?

# INTERPRETATION

What is this passage teaching us about...

God & His ways?

God's plan for salvation?

Sin?

Ourselves?

Others?

How does this passage point or relate to Jesus?

# APPLICATION & PRAYER

# HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

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## CONTEXT

- Who wrote the book?
- Who do they write to?
- Why was the book written?
- What happened write before this passage?
- What happens write after this passage?

## COMPREHENSION

- What's happening in the text?
- What are key words, phrases, themes?
- Does this passage reference other parts of scripture?

## INTERPRETATION

- What does this teach us about:
  - God's character?
  - God's ways?
  - God's salvation plan?
  - sin?
  - ourselves?
  - others?

## APPLICATION

- Do I need to change how I relate to God?
- Do I need to change what I believe?
- Do I need to change my behavior?
- Do I need to change how I treat others?
- What do I need to be doing?
- What do I need to repent of?
- What do I have to be thankful for?



## How to Study the Bible

### 7 ARROWS

#### Week 03

1. Similar to the Inductive Method from last week.
  - a. Book & devotion written by Matt & Sarah Rogers
2. Uses the arrow as visual reminders of what each question is about.
3. You ask 7 questions as you read & study the passage.
  - a. What does the passage say?
  - b. What did this passage mean to its original audience?
  - c. What does this passage tell us about God?
  - d. What does this passage tell us about man?
  - e. What does this passage demand of me?
  - f. How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
  - g. What does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

### SMALL GROUP TIME

1. STUDY JOHN 1:19-34 USING THE 7 ARROWS METHOD OF BIBLE STUDY



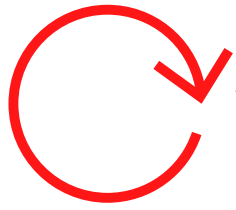


# BIBLE STUDY

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

## SEVEN ARROWS OF BIBLE READING

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What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



What does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

## How to Study the Bible

### FOUNDATIONS

#### Week 04

1. Similar to the Inductive Method & 7 Arrows.
  - a. Book & devotion written by Robby & Kandy Gallaty
2. Uses the acronym H.E.A.R. to guide study & thoughts
  - a. H – highlight
    - i. What is it saying?
    - ii. Key words & phrases.
  - b. E – explain
    - i. Context of the passage.
    - ii. What is being communicated?
    - iii. What truths are revealed?
    - iv. What does it mean?
  - c. A – apply
    - i. What do these truths mean today?
    - ii. What is God telling me personally?
    - iii. What needs to be applied to my life today?
  - d. R - respond.
    - i. What actions is this passage calling me to?
    - ii. Do I need to make any changes?
    - iii. Write out a prayer in response to what you read & learned.

### SMALL GROUP TIME

1. STUDY JOHN 1:35-51 USING THE H.E.A.R. METHOD OF BIBLE STUDY



**H** HIGHLIGHT

**E** EXPLAIN

**A** APPLY

**R** RESPOND



## How to Study the Bible

### WORD/THEME STUDY

#### Week 05

1. Word studies allow you to look in depth at the meaning & context of important words.
2. NONE OF THE BIBLE WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN ENGLISH!!!
  - a. Written in Hebrew, Greek, with a little Aramaic sprinkled in.
  - b. The original words had to be translated into English, they often times carried more nuanced meanings than what could easily be conveyed by a word or two in English.
  - c. Often we lose a little bit of the intended meaning or context because of the necessity of translation.
  - d. Studying words allows us to look deeper at what the authors, & the Holy Spirit, were really trying to get at.
  - e. How was the word used throughout the Bible, what can that teach us about it's meaning in this particular passage?
  - f. Need to use outside resources to make sure you are getting the correct word in the original language, as well as it's definition & root word/meaning.
3. Theme Studies are similar to word studies, in that you tracing a particular theme throughout scripture so that you can have a better understanding of what the whole Bible teaches about it.
  - a. Themes might include:
    - i. Adoption, salvation, temple, judgment, redemption, love, kingdom, exile, mission, community, blessing, light, covenant, sin, mercy.
    - ii. There are many others.

### SMALL GROUP TIME

1. STUDY "WORD", *LOGOS* IN GREEK, FROM JOHN 1.





# BIBLE STUDY

DATE:

## WORD STUDY

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PASSAGE:

English Word:

English Definition:

Compare Bible Translations:

Original Word (Hebrew or Greek) & Short Definition:

Occurrences in the Bible:

Root Meaning of the Original Word:

How was the Word Used Throughout the Bible & in this Passage:

Application

# HOW DO I APPLY

## THE BIBLE?



### HEAD

#### ALLOWING THE WORD TO SHAPE MY MIND

- WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TEACH ME ABOUT GOD'S NATURE?
- WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TEACH ME ABOUT MYSELF IN RELATION TO GOD?
- WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TEACH ME ABOUT DOCTRINE OR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?



### HEART

#### ALLOWING THE WORD TO SHAPE MY AFFECTIONS

- WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL ME TO FEEL?
- WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL ME TO LOVE?
- WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL ME TO HATE?



### HANDS

#### ALLOWING THE WORD TO SHAPE MY ACTIONS

- DO I HAVE ANY SIN THAT NEEDS TO BE CONFESSED?
- IS THERE AN EXPLICIT COMMAND THAT NEEDS TO BE OBEYED?
- IS THERE AN EXAMPLE THAT I NEED TO FOLLOW?
- HOW CAN I ADVANCE GOD'S KINGDOM BASED ON THIS PASSAGE?