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- What was written right before this and right after this?
- What sort of writing is this (history, law, story, poetry, gospel, prophecy)?
- What do you know about the human author?
- Who was the original audience? What background information would be helpful?
- What has happened so far in the story?
- Why was it written? What questions are being answered?
- How does it fit into the larger story of the Bible (i.e., creation, fall, redemption, glory)?

## Observation

- How is the text divided? Look for transition words (i.e., therefore, and, but, thus).
- Can you outline the passage?
- What is the plot? Where are the high points and low points in the story?
- What is the tone? What is the mood?
- What people, places, things, and ideas are mentioned?
- Are there any words you need to define or look up?
- What words or ideas are repeated?
- What jumps out to you?
- What are you curious about?

## Meaning

- What questions do you have about this passage?
- What is the logical flow of thought?
- What is the author trying to communicate to the original audience?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about ourselves?
- What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
- How does this passage point to the need for God's grace?
- What other parts of the Bible shed light on the meaning of this passage?

## Main Idea

- What is God communicating to us?
- Can you summarize the passage in one sentence?
- Are there any summary statements in the text?
- What would you title a book about this passage?
- What would you post on social media about this passage?
- What does God want you to know?
- How does God want you to feel?

## Application

- How does God want you to respond to this Scripture?
- How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
- How should this passage impact your emotions?
- Did God reveal any sin that you need to turn away from?
- How does your heart attitude need to change?
- What is something you need to believe?
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