

1- Background Info

Who is the author?
Who is he writing to?
When did he write it?
Why did he write it?

2- Observation

¿What does it say?

What is the context before?

What is the context after?

What are some key words to define?

Read the verse or passage in several different Bible versions.

for example:

- Holman Christian Standard Bible
- King James
- New International Version
- New American Standard Version
- Good News for Modern Man
- New Living Bible
- Jerusalem Bible

¿How are they similar?

¿How are they different?

3- Interpretation

What does it mean?

Define the key words.

Make a simple diagram that shows the structure of the verse/passage.

Write the verse/passage in your own words.

Summarize the main idea(s) in the verse/passage.

4- Cross References

verse

relationship

How do these verses help me to better understand the verse/passage I am studying?

5- Personal Application

What does this have to do with me?

What specific steps can I take to make this a reality in my own life?

How will I know when I have made this a reality in my own life?

How can I teach this to others?

To whom?