

WORD

- What verses are you studying?
- How would you summarize the main point of this text?
 - » Who wrote it? To whom did they write it? Why did they write it? What do you know about the original cultural context?

G—God

- What do these verses reveal about *God* (or especially about the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit)?
 - » All of God's Word is His self-revelation. How can we get to know Him better by what is said directly or indirectly, explicitly or implicitly?

O—Ourselves

- What do these verses reveal about *ourselves* (and others—humanity)?
 - » We don't need to read ourselves into the text, but what does it say about the human condition? Or what thoughts and feelings did you experience?

D—Do

- What should we do in response to these verses?
- Identify specific actions and reactions to the text.
 - » Are any commands or clear principles given in the text?
 - » Application should be specific when active responses are identified, otherwise accountability and growth becomes theoretical rather than practical and actual.
 - » Not all of Scripture is intended to have a specific application; sometimes the response may be more affective—awe, praise, humility, love, or conviction. Emotional responses are appropriate, but if we identify only emotions and knowledge whenever we read Scripture, then we are not truly applying the Word of God.