
GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE TEXT

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1. What do we learn about God?
 - a. What aspects of God's character do we see in this passage?
 - b. What do we see God doing in this passage?
 - c. What things, events, people, and situations is God concerned about?
2. What do we learn about man/mankind?
 - a. What aspects of the image of God (longings, desires, interests, values) are reflected in this passage?
 - b. What fallen conditions (desires, attitudes, actions, beliefs, etc.) are stated, described or implied in this passage?
 - c. What struggles, challenges, temptations, and realities to walking with God are stated, described or implied in this passage?
3. What do we learn about redemption?
 - a. What does this passage reveal about the nature of our salvation?
 - b. What is the "gospel solution" to the "fallen condition" that this passage states, describes or implies?
 - c. In what specific ways has Jesus obeyed in the areas where you have failed?
4. What do we learn about ministry?
 - a. What does this passage teach us about the nature of ministry (its joys, its pains, its challenges, its rewards, etc.)?
 - b. What does this passage teach about the way I should lead/care for God's people?
 - c. What does this passage teach about the way God's people respond to leaders?
5. How should I apply this text to my life?
 - a. What does this passage indicate that I should know, think or understand?
 - b. What does this passage indicate that I should believe?
 - c. What does this passage indicate that I should feel?
 - d. What does this passage indicate I should do?