

The 5 R's of Bible Study

1. READ

- BEGIN BY ESTABLISHING A BIBLE READING PLAN.
- PRAY & TAKE YOUR TIME READING, DON'T GET IN A HURRY—ENJOY!
- WRITE NOTES OR OTHER VERSES THAT COME TO MIND IN THE MARGIN.
- JOT DOWN ANY QUESTIONS IN A NOTEBOOK.

2. REVIEW

- WHAT IS THE PASSAGE LITERALLY SAYING?
- WHO IS SPEAKING?
- TO WHOM IS HE SPEAKING?
- WHAT IS THE CONTEXT? (HINT: THE VERSES BEFORE AND AFTER.)
- WHAT WAS THE CULTURAL CONTEXT?
- WHAT WAS THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT?

3. REFLECT

- WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE REVEAL TO US ABOUT GOD (ABOUT WHO HE IS, WHAT HE'S DONE, WHAT HE WILL DO.)
- WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE REVEAL ABOUT HUMANS?
- IS THERE A WARNING, A SIN MENTIONED, A COMMAND OR EXHORTATION?
- HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE GIVE HOPE, ENCOURAGEMENT, COMFORT, ETC. DURING MY CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES?
- HOW CAN I LIVE OUT IN MY DAILY LIFE WHAT I'VE LEARNED?

4. REJOICE

- IN HIS CHARACTER.
- IN HIS WORD
- IN HIS PLAN.

5. RESPOND

- THANK HIM FOR SPEAKING TO YOU.
- SHARE WITH HIM HOW YOU WILL LIVE OUT WHAT HE TAUGHT YOU.
- ASK FOR HIS HELP TO WALK IN HIS WAY.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...
Colossians 3:16, nkjv