

## How to Study the Bible

### **I. Get ready.**

- A. Pray; ask the Lord to reveal Himself to you in the pages of the Bible.
- B. Come with a journal and an open heart.

### **II. What does this verse or thought mean?**

- A. Define the words you don't know.
- B. Identify the names of people you don't know.
- C. Restate it in your own words what this verse or passage is saying.

### **III. What does this passage say about God?**

- A. Note His actions or how He interacts with men and nations.
- B. Any characteristics that are spoken of?
- C. Any actions He forbids or encourages?

### **IV. What does this passage say about me?**

- A. Any sin I should avoid, promise to hold onto, a command to follow?
- B. Is there a way of thinking or acting I have been neglecting?

### **V. What does this passage say about others?**

- A. What mistakes did they make?
- B. What victories did they have?
- C. What commendable attitudes that other modeled should I make part of my life?
- D. Is there a failure I should avoid?
- E. How should I follow their example?

### **VI. Am I living in agreement with the truths discovered about God, others and myself?**

- A. Why not? (Be specific)
- B. What changes do I need to make in my actions or thinking?

### **VII. Close with prayer and review your notes throughout the day.**