



Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Having heard about God's story with Elijah, talk about the ways in which God brought about renewal. What did God say and do?
- Read James 5:17-18. Elijah prayed and God listened. Can we pray in the same way Elijah did? How does being in Christ give us confidence to pray?
- When Elijah prayed, he took hold of God's promises for judgment over sin and forgiveness if the people repent. What could it mean for us to hold on to God's promises?
- Are there specific promises you want to remind God of? If you are in community, read Isaiah 55:6-11 aloud and pray through it together, thanking God that he will keep every word he's spoken.