



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.

- What struck you most in this sermon?
- Why is the ascension of Jesus important? How is his ascension and sitting at the right hand of the Father good news?

- Jesus is the right-hand-man of God the Father. He is not “too high” for us. He is on the throne for us. Is Jesus being too high above a fear/thought you’re familiar with?
- Jesus on heaven’s throne is the same Jesus who hung on the cross for you. How does this truth speak into the fear of him being too far aloof? His affection to you has not changed. Consider that he is holding you, interceding and praying for you. How might this comfort and encourage you?
- Read the quote from Thomas Goodwin again: *“The truth is, I cannot live without you. I shall never be quiet till I have you where I am so that we may never part again. Heaven shall not hold me nor my Father’s company if I have not you with me. My heart is so set upon you and if I have any glory you shall have part of it.”* Speak about what Goodwin says here. Does this change how you view the way Jesus relates to you? How so?