

**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 about this message?
- Read Acts 20:17-38 again. What's going on here? Retell the story of the passage in your own words.
- Even as he is facing prison and death, all that matters for Paul is completing his task. Consider how Paul's life and preaching mirrored Jesus.
- What is the charge that Paul gives the Ephesian elders? What is their task? Take a few minutes to pray for the elders of Christchurch.