

**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.

- Hannah was distraught and traumatized yet experienced God's deliverance. Take a few minutes to recap Hannah's story. What did she experience and how has God delivered her?
- He raises up the poor from the dust and seats them with princes. All that is Christ's will one day fully be ours. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. Consider the inheritance we have in Christ. What are the blessings given to us?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:9 and compare it with 1 Samuel 2:8. How do these verses relate to each other?