

## How to Dig Deeper in the Word

### Look up the context:

- Who wrote it, who is it written to?
- When was it written?
- Where was it written?
- For what purpose was it written?

### WHAT DOES IT SAY:

Once you've chosen the passage you're going to study that day, simply read the section of scripture. Then read it a second time through. **What stands out to you?**

Read it again slowly...look for what words or phrases you see repeated?

What patterns do you see in the way it is written?

What words do you want to look up...what words are too familiar or unfamiliar?

Read the passage in other translations of the Bible for broader understanding.

Look up any words you don't know, or any words that are overly familiar to you in a dictionary.

Look for overarching themes in the passage.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN:

- Look up any cross-references in the footnotes.
- Try to summarize or paraphrase the passage in your own words to increase your grasp on what the passage means.
- Consult commentaries and study bibles to provide further understanding of the meaning and context of the passage.

### HOW SHOULD IT CHANGE ME:

- What do we learn about God?
- What attributes do we see?
- How does this change my view of who I am, in light of who God is?
- How should I respond?