

H.E.A.R. God's Word

Pick a time. Pick a place. Pick a passage.
Read the Word to H.E.A.R. from God.

HIGHLIGHT What does the Word say?	EXPLAIN What does the Word mean?	APPLY How will I apply the Word?	REFLECT How will I dwell in the Word?
<p>PRAY: Psalm 119:18 - <i>“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.”</i></p> <p>IDENTIFY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ key words: emphasized, repeated ▪ expressions of time: then, after, until ▪ prepositional phrases: in, on, upon ▪ cause and effects: if, since, because ▪ comparisons and contrasts ▪ results: therefore, so that, for this ▪ commands: clear action statements <p>MARK UP THE PASSAGE: Write in your Bible. Circle, underline, and highlight. Write in margins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blue: God's character ▪ Red: God's Gospel ▪ Green: God's promises ▪ Yellow: God's commands <p>IDENTIFY a key verse to memorize in each chapter</p> <p>NOTE what is unclear</p>	<p>REFER to an ESV Study Bible for additional study notes, insights, historical background, and more.</p> <p>USE ONLINE RESOURCES to assist with your study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ esvbible.org ▪ youversion.com ▪ biblegateway.com ▪ bibleproject.com <p>RESEARCH THE CONTEXT - Who?, When?, Where?, What?, Why?</p> <p>IDENTIFY THE GENRE historical, poetic, prophetic, parable, epistle</p> <p>CHECK cross-references to see how the passage relates to others.</p> <p>COMPARE VARIOUS TRANSLATIONS: refer to NIV, NASB, NKJV to see what is similar, different, or clarified.</p> <p>CONFIRM OR CORRECT your personal observations with additional, trusted sources.</p> <p>DEFINE key words.</p> <p>DISCUSS insights and questions with others</p>	<p>ASK God to SPEAK to you. Is there a ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sin to confess? ▪ Promise to claim? ▪ Example to follow? ▪ Action to obey? ▪ Knowledge to grow in? <p>Most passages have one or more of the above applications.</p> <p>KNOW. BE. DO.: Consider specific application in three statements “I understand... I am... I will...”</p> <p>EMBRACE what God's Word says is true about your identity.</p> <p>PRACTICE specific application in your</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ life contexts: home, work, community, church ▪ life relationships: spouse, children, extended family, friendships, coworkers. <p>SHARE God's truth with someone else as a way of ministering to them.</p>	<p>RENEW your mind with God's Word.</p> <p>REVIEW the passage over and over for better comprehension and longer retention.</p> <p>PRAY through the passage by personalizing the text back to the Lord.</p> <p>MEMORIZE a key verse from each chapter.</p> <p>JOURNAL application, handwrite verses, jot down notes from the text.</p> <p>PONDER a phrase, a verse, a paragraph.</p> <p>LISTEN to the Spirit as you read the Word.</p> <p>DO NOT RUSH this final step in the process of studying God's Word.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>