

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE TEXT

Adapted from a handout by Matthew S. Harmon

1. **God (Character & Activity):**

- A. What aspect of God's character do we see in this passage?
- B. What activities do we see God doing in this passage?
- C. What things, events, people, and situations is God concerned about?

2. **Mankind (Character & Fallen Condition):**

- A. What aspects of the image of God (longings, desires, interests, values) are reflected in this passage?
- B. What fallen conditions (desires, attitudes, actions, beliefs, etc.) are stated, described, or implied in this passage?
- C. What struggles, challenges, temptations, and realities to walking with God are stated, described, or implied in this passage?

3. **Redemption (Gospel Solution):**

- A. What does this passage reveal about the nature of salvation?
- B. What is the "gospel solution" to the "fallen condition" that this passage states, describes, or implies?
- C. In what specific ways has Jesus obeyed in the areas where you have failed?

4. **Application to Life:**

- A. What does this passage indicate that I should know, think, or understand?
- B. What does this passage indicate that I should believe?
- C. What does this passage indicate that I should feel?
- D. What does this passage indicate that I should do?
- E. How should the truths of this passage affect my relationships (i.e., God, spouse, children, extended family, co-workers, fellow believers, unbelievers, etc)?