

Bible Study Reference Card

I. What does it say? (*Observation*)

- A. Facts to observe:
who-what-when-where-why-how
- B. What is the explicit purpose/reason behind events?
- C. How (by what means) are things accomplished?
- D. Literary connections (On back of card)

1st Bridge Step: Asking Interpretive Questions

- A. Why would the author or character do...?
- B. Why is ___ significant?
- C. What is the implication of...?
- D. Why was this event included?

II. What is its meaning? (*Interpretation*)

- A. "The main point of the passage is ?"
- B. Implications for present
- C. How does this passage relate to you now?
(personal, family, church, campus, society)

2nd Bridge Step: Meditation

- A. New ways in which to **think** and **believe** about God,
man, society, sin, salvation, church, world, the Bible,
prayer.
- B. New ways to **act**
Priorities-Attitudes-Lifestyle-Relationships
(see back of card)

III. How does it apply? (*Application*)

- A. How will I respond to the text?
- B. "With God's help I will..."
- C. How, when, where, & with whom?

Literary Connections

Word Association:

- REP Repetition (same term)
- CTN Continuity (similar term)
- CTR Contrast ("but", "however")
- CMP Comparison ("like")

Causal Relationships:

- C-E Cause to effect
("when..", "so..", "after..")
- E-C Effect to cause
("because", "since")
- M-E Means to end
("so that", "in order that")
- LC Logical Conclusion
("if .., then"; "therefore")

Movement:

- G-P General to particular
 - P-G Particular to general
 - CMX Climax
 - PREP Preparation or introduction
 - EXP Explanation or illustration
 - Q Interrogation (question & answer)
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Meditation

Is there...

- S** in in my life to repent of?
- P**romise that I can claim?
- E**xample to follow?
- E**rror I can avoid?
- C**ommand for me to follow?
- K**nowledge of God to believe and remember?
- S**omething to pray about?