

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)

Meditation

Is there...

S in in my life to repent of?
Promise that I can claim?
Example to follow?
Error I can avoid?
Command for me to follow?
Knowledge of God to believe and remember?
Something to pray about?