

Understanding the Big Picture of God's Word

"All scripture is God breathed..." 2 Timothy 3:16

Pray: For Lord to reveal the truth in his word.

"This is what the Lord says....call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

Look at the Big Picture: What does it say?

Make observations, check the context.
Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? Which verse stands out to you in this passage?

Seek to Understand: What does it mean?

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 Read the cross references. What did God inspire His chosen scribe to share with the original audience? What did I learn about who God is?

Apply: What shall I do?

"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." The words of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 4:4 What does the verse I chose mean to me? How does God want to change me in light of this passage? Is there a specific action to take or a confession to make?

Pray: Knowing his word will help you know God.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

Ephesians 6:18. Praise God for His attributes. Confess any sin. Thank Him for His word. Ask Him to transform you to His likeness.