

**PAUSE:**

Pray and read the passage. Re-read it slowly and pray again.  
Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you as you engage with this part of the Bible.



## A. Study the Text

**Bible passage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where are you giving the talk:** \_\_\_\_\_



### 1. KEEPING THE TEXT IN CONTEXT

Type of biblical literature? E.g poetry, narrative, letter...

Background info? Author, readers/ recipients, situation e.g Paul to the church in Philippi, Israel in exile...

Context within the book? Where does the passage fit? What comes immediately before and after?



### 2. ZOOM IN - OBSERVING THE TEXT

Identify key words, ideas and patterns in the passage: people, emphases, repetitions, themes, contrasts, promises/warnings, illustrations, lists, linking words, time words etc.

What's the general vibe/feel of the passage?

Any surprises?





## 5. HEARTBEAT OF THE TEXT

A summary sentence of what God said through the original author to the original hearers (past tense).  
E.g. Moses urged the people of Israel to...



## 6. THE HEARTBEAT AND JESUS

What difference does Christ make to the heartbeat of the text?

Has anything happened in the unfolding narrative of the Bible that would change how this heartbeat applies going forward?

(e.g. The Cross, Pentecost or how we read levitical food laws in light of Jesus declaring certain food clean in Mark 7:19 etc.)