Bible Study Methods an invitation to discovery

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- Redemptive Context

STEPS TO SURVEY

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- Create a book summary
- Consider how your passage fits into God's plan to create a community of redeemed people for his glory through Jesus Christ

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE



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DISCOVER THE BIG IDEA

Summarize the results of your interpretive journey.

STEPS TO DISCOVER

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• Summarize the big idea

of your passage in a

single sentence (the

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of your passage

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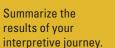
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