

# Bible Study Methods

## EXPLORE

**What did God say?**

Begin by exploring

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Historical/Cultural Context  
Literary Context  
Redemptive Context

### The Passage

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Analyze the Structure\*  
Study Key Words  
Compare Translations  
Consult Commentaries  
Outline the Passage

**Author's Big Idea (ABI)**

## CONNECT

**Cross the theological and cultural bridge to our world**

### Identifying Discontinuities

Culture  
People  
Redemptive History

### Identifying Continuities

Triune God  
People  
Redemption  
Ethics  
Fallen Condition(s)  
Redemptive Solution(s)

**Theological Big Idea (TBI)**

## APPLY

**How do I respond to what God is saying?**

Respond by considering

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### Redemptive Solution

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