

Prepare

- Who is the author and audience?
- What do you know about them?
- Where are they?
- What are the key features of their location?
- When was this written?
- When did the events take place?
- What is the genre?

Divide

- Place brackets in the margins where a main idea starts and stops.
- Clues include change in subject, location, tone, characters, etc.
- Group together verses and paragraphs that cover one BIG idea, sigular event, or theological concept.

LIFE

- Let the original author speak to the original audience.
- Investigate words and sentences within their paragraphs.
- Fill in the gaps from outside sources.
- Explore the bigger picture and similiar passages.

LIVE

- Let the lesson linger.
- Invite in community.
- Voice the TRUTH.
- Enter into worship!

Cut these out as bookmarks to help mark your place in your reading and your journal.