

THE T.H.I.N.K. METHOD OF BIBLICAL STUDY

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS



Make a note of the... Author • Audience • Genre • Date • Setting • People • Events • Ideas • Problems • Sins • Context • Parallels to Now • Similar Passages • Gospel Pointers

TEACHING

Seek the main point of the passage. What does it teach about... God? • The World? • Mankind? • Myself? In a perfect world, what should we believe, value or do?



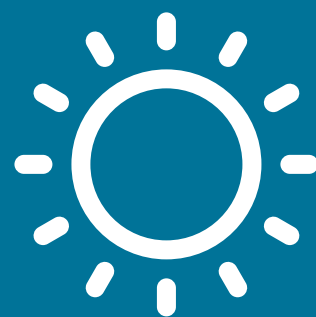
HEART



Get God's diagnosis of the human condition. How does the passage confront our... Values? • Pursuits? • Desires? • Pride? • Fear? How have we fallen short?

ILLUMINATION

See by the light of the Gospel. How do Christ's death and resurrection... Resolve the problem? • Fix our hearts? • Present a truer, better message? • Meet our needs?



NOW WHAT?

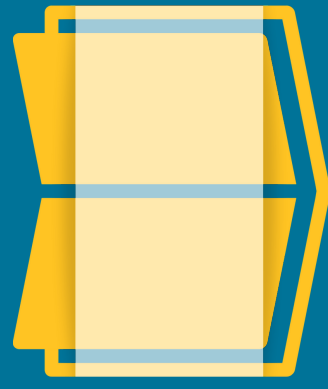


Put God's word into action. How can I apply this in my... Family? • Church? • Work? • Friends? • Personal life? • Local area? Who else needs to hear this?

KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

Keep exploring. Consider... Are there any unanswered questions? • What am I still curious about? • What objections might someone raise? • How would I respond?





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