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REAP

REAP is a straightforward way to process what you're reading, either on your own or with a small group of people.

READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to teach, correct, and train you (2 Timothy 3:16). Read the passage out loud once or twice and then silently a few times. Keep these things in mind as you read:

- What is happening in this passage?
- What things are emphasized, repeated, related?

EXAMINE

Take a minute to reflect, re-read, etc.. If you speed through this your application will be shallow. Ask yourself these questions and write down your thoughts:

- Make observations
 - Compare and contrast, "If...then" statements, trace the argument, etc.
- Ask questions
 - Who are the main characters in this text?
 - What is the author's intent in communicating?
 - Are there any key words or phrases?
 - What happens in the surrounding verses/chapters?
 - How do you think the author wants his audience to respond?
 - What do you see about God? What is God doing in this passage?
 - What do you see about man?
 - What's the difference between the biblical audience and me?
 - What do you learn about God's character?
 - How does this passage point to/speak of Jesus?
- Sum it up
 - How would you articulate the main idea of this passage in your own words?

APPLY

After examining the passage, apply the text to your own life. Ask yourself these questions:

- What wrong beliefs about God and myself did I have?
- How do I need to repent?
- What truths do I need to believe?
- What false beliefs must I turn from?
- Is there an application in the text? (A promise to claim? Action/attitude to avoid or embrace? Command or exhortation to live out?)
- What difference does this make?
- What can I do – empowered by the Holy Spirit – to apply this passage within 24 to 48 hours?

PRAY

Pray through the passage and your application, asking God to change your heart and to change your life, based on the time you've spent in God's Word.