



The COMMA Method

Passage: _____ Date: _____

Context: What is the placement of this passage in the Bible? *(Choose two or more questions)*

- A. Immediate: What is going on before/after this passage?
- B. Literary: What kind of literature is this, what is its genre?
- C. Historical: Audience, Occasion, what do we know about authorship?
- D. Theological: Where is this passage placed within the larger Bible story?

Observations: What is this passage about? *(Choose three or more questions)*

- A. Who, What, Where, When?
- B. What theme(s) emerge?
- C. What are some repeating words or ideas?
- D. What characteristics of God and/or tendencies of humans do we see?
- E. Anything Striking: Anything jump out at you or any questions that need to be answered?

Message: What are some interpretations of this passage that reflect your observations?

(Choose four or more questions)

- A. What would be the message to the original readers?
- B. What situations would be similar or different today?
- C. What message would carry over to today?
- D. Are there any attributes of God that are being described?
- E. Are there any NT promises to find hope in? *(Hint, most OT promises are not for the NT Church directly)*
- F. How does the passage expect humans to respond (i.e. trust, obey, follow, rest-in etc...)?
- G. Summarize the Biblical message(s) in 10 words or less:

Meditation: Interact with God allowing the message to move into your heart *(Choose two or more questions)*

- A. Have a few separate people read the passage out loud to each other.
- B. Practice silence together, reflecting or write out what we learn about God in the passage.
- C. Pray short prayers of praise or thanks using themes or words of the passage.
- D. Inwardly, or outwardly practice prayers of confession from what the passage reveals about humans.

Application: What are some responses that the message produces within us? *(Choose one or more questions)*

- A. What has God, Jesus or the Spirit accomplished to further pursue a relationship with you, as a human in need of him?
- B. Write down any particular Scripture that the Spirit is leading you to respond to?
- C. Are you compelled to personally confess any area before God from this passage?
- D. Are there any perspectives from God that should change your perspective in this world?
- E. How can we pray for you to grow in deeper trust in the Father, Son or Spirit?

Optional: Pray using CHAT (Confess, Honor God, Ask God, Thank God)