The Bible Study Worksheet

of _____

Date: _____ Passage: _____

Before you begin, ask God to help you understand, and read the passage slowly at least twice. Write down verse numbers as you go. Keep your Bible open as you work. Check what you find with a study Bible or a mature Christian.

Observation

1. What Do I See?
   a. Who is in the passage, where are they, and what happens? Which words or ideas come up more than once? b. What does it show me about God, and about people? c. What surprises me, and what questions do I have? Include verse numbers.

2. How Is It Built?
   a. How is the passage organised? Mark where each new thought begins, with verse numbers. b. What clues helped me see where it divides, such as repeated words, linking words like "therefore" or "but," or changes of speaker, place, or time? c. What does this structure show me the author is emphasising?

Interpretation

7. What Is the Main Point?
   a. In one short sentence, what was God saying to the first readers through this passage? b. And what does it say to us today?

8. Then and Now
   What struggle, need, or question did the first readers have that we still have today?

9. How Does This Passage Point Us to Jesus?
   Does it include a promise that Jesus keeps? Does someone or something in it remind me of Jesus? Does it show me why I need Jesus? Is there a New Testament verse that links this passage to Him?

Context

3. Literary Context
   What comes before and after, and how does this passage move the book forward?

4. Biblical Context
   Does this passage quote or remind me of another part of the Bible? A cross-reference in the margin can help here.

5. Historical Context
   What was happening to the author and the first readers when this was written?

6. Cultural Context
   Is there anything about life in that time and place that I don't understand, such as a custom, a job, or a place? A study Bible can help here.

Response

10. How Will I Respond?
    a. Because of what God has done through Jesus, is there something I need to know, believe, repent of, or do? Complete the sentence "This week I will..." b. Write one thing to pray about and one person I could share this with. c. Do I still have any questions?

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