

OIMA Study Method

O – Observation (What do I see?)

Who?
What?
When?
Where?
How?
Why?

I- Interpretation (What does it mean?)

Find the Context of the verse(s)
Use dictionary to look-up keywords
Use Cross-References
Write out what you think the verse means
Find a commentary to check to see how close you are
Commentaries, cross references, and bible dictionaries can all be found at biblos.com

M- Meditation

Think about the verse and its meaning
Ask questions like
What does this tell me about God?
What does this tell me about Man?
What does this tell me about the Cross?
What response from man is sought?
Journal through these questions and anything else that you have not talked to God about (You could use this time also to confess sin and as a written prayer to God).

- What does this show me about God to praise and thank him?
- About my sin that I need to repent and confess?
- How is Jesus crucial in helping me overcome the sin?
- What happens when I forget the truth found in this passage?
- What's going on in my life that God would bring this to my attention today?

Application (How does it work in my life?)

Ask is there a sin to avoid?, promise to claim?, example to follow?, command to obey?, knowledge about myself/others/the world to apply?
Does this reveal something that you should believe about God?, praise God for?, thank God for?, pray about? Make a decision about?
How does Christ's work on the cross and life motivate me to live this out?