## NEW CHRISTIANS OR NEW TO THE BIBLE BIBLE READING CHEAT STARTER

## **OBSERVE**

- Who was this written to?
- What is happening in the passage?
- When and where did this take place?
- Why did the author write this?

## INTERPRET

- What would the original hearers have thought?
- How does this fit in with the greater story of the Bible?
- Are there other parts of scripture that help you understand this passage?

## **APPLY**

- What does this tell about who God is?
- What does this tell you about your sin and need for a Savior?
- How might these truths transform your life today?

Recommend printing and keeping copies in your Bible for reference and guidance. A book chart will help you write down what the text says and means, and to tackle questions such as: Who? What? Where? When? How? and Why?

What does this passage say about God? About me? My sin? My struggles? My opportunities?

What is my example to follow? What Fruit, Discipline, and Character do I need in order to develop and operate?

What are the sins I need to avoid? What is my call and duty to carry out? What promise does He have for me to receive? What prayer do I need to offer? Then write down your reflections in first person singular because it applies to you.

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