

ONE-TO-ONE BIBLE READING

C.O.M.A. questions for the Epistles

Context

What can you learn about the person or situation to which the letter is written?

What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?

What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one? Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

Observation

Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the text? Are there key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?

What is the main point or points? What supporting points does the author make?

What surprises are there in the flow of the argument?

Meaning

How does this text relate to other parts of the book?

How does the passage relate to Jesus?

What does this teach you about God?

How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?

Is there some attitude or behavior you need to change?
