



### **BELIEVE**

**THE WORD** is true, powerful, and authoritative over my life  
**THE LORD** is good, faithful, sovereign, and worthy  
**I, A SINNER**, am undeserving and was far from God, but in Christ I am made righteous, loved, and worthy

### **PRAY**

**PRAISE** God for who He is and what He has done in Christ  
**REPENT** of sin or unbelief. Acknowledge your need for God  
**ASK** for particular needs for yourself or others  
**SURRENDER** your desires and your life to Jesus

### **STUDY**

**OBSERVE** *What does it say?* Slowly read through the text at least twice without trying to figure out what it means yet. Just observe. Mark repeated or key words, metaphors, comparisons/contrasts, connector words (if, then, so, therefore, but). Note major themes. Check different translations. Explore word studies. Check cross references.

**INTEPRET** *What does it mean?* The key here is to discover the context of the passage and discover what it meant to the original audience. Refer to faithful commentaries if needed.  
**NOTE:** be discerning in this. First study the passage yourself and then lightly refer to commentaries for specific questions.

**APPLY** *In response to what I've learned, what am I now called to do?* Is there a sin to repent of? A relationship to change? A conversation to have? Sometimes this isn't a tangible STEP; sometimes it's a reorientation of thought, a perspective shift, or the settling in of a truth in your soul.

### **KEY QUESTIONS**

What does this passage say about the character of God?  
What does this passage say about the sinfulness of man?  
What does this passage say about the sufficiency of Christ?  
What does this passage say about the necessity of faith?  
What does this passage say about the urgency of eternity?

