

# OIA | Local Church St. Pete

Read through whatever passages / text you have before you **prayerfully**.  
Ask the LORD to quiet your heart and to make you receptive to the truth you will hear. **Meditate** on the passage. Don't move on too quickly.

Recommendation: Take 2-3 questions from each section below. Don't try to answer them all.

## **O** = OBSERVATION

"Interview" the text. What do I mean? Ask it some questions.

Ask "What's happening? What do I see?" Just say what you see! Anything at all!

Take turns saying what you see happening in the text.

This is the "who, what, when, where" of the text.

What kind of writing is this?

Any clues as to the circumstances under which it was written?

What's happened so far? The surrounding context?

What surprises are there? What are the key words? What words or ideas are repeated?

## **I** = INTENDED MEANING

How does this text relate to other parts of the book? If you don't know the answer, fine. Move on.

What does it teach us about God? About man?

How does it relate to Jesus?

How could we sum up the meaning of this passage in our own words?

## **A** = APPLICATION

How does this passage challenge or confirm my understanding?

Is there something it is calling me to change? An attitude? Behavior? How does it call me to change the way I live?

We want to take time to work through the passages, and let the Bible speak, but don't expect total comprehension.

Pray about what you've learned. Always pray.