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Interpreting This Passage

Pray: *Psalm 119:18: "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law."*

Read the passage two times

Understand John's Original Purpose: *John 20:30-31*

Take notes: Note what is repeated, and concentrate on direct dialogue and story details. What is happening in the passage that helps you understand the main point?

Who is in the passage?

What is happening?

When did the passage take place in the full story of John?

Where is the event in the passage located?

Why did the event happen?

How is the event being resolved?

What do we need to believe in the passage? What is the main point?

Is this main truth and message taught throughout the Bible (Old and New Testament)?

2

Interpreting The Larger Context

What is John trying to say by the way he strings together the individual stories? What connections and contrasts do you see in this passage with the surrounding passages?

What is John trying to connect by placing this passage where he did in the gospel?

What are common themes and truths that you see between the various passages?

How does this passage connect with the larger story around it?

Key Tip

The most important thing to do when reading a series of stories is to look for connections!

What is John trying to get us to see and believe within this larger context?

3

Applying The Passage To Us

This week, how will I live in light of what I have learned in this passage?

What does it mean to believe the main truth in this passage?

Key Tip

One of the most important things to remember when seeking to apply truths from these passages is that we should always keep the larger context in view!

Why do we need to believe the main truth in the passage?

Recommended Resources:

Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach To Reading, Interpreting, And Applying The Bible - J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays

Knowing Scripture - R.C. Sproul