PASSAGE:

CONTEXT

THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN OF THE PASSAGE



THE CONTEXT OF THE BOOK

What type of literature am I reading?			
Who wrote this book?			
Who was this book written to?			
When was this book written?			
THE CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE			
Who is speaking in the passage?			
Who else is involved in the passage? (watching, listening, participating)			
Where do the events of the passage take place?			
What happens before this passage?			
What happens after this passage?			
THE CONTEXT OF THE BIBLE (BIBLICAL THEOLOGY)			
Where does this passage fit in God's one true story?			
Why is it important to understand how this passage fits in God's one true story?			

STRUCTURE

HOW IDEAS ARE DEVELOPED AND FIT TOGETHER TO REVEAL THE MEANING OF THE PASSAGE

Which verses form each 'block' (idea section) of the passage? (You should have 2-4 passage 'blocks')	1. 2. 3. 4.
STRUCTURE - What is the key subject / point of each block of the passage?	1. 2. 3. 4.
FLOW - How do the blocks of the passage link together? (You may like to draw a diagram)	
At this point, what ideas stand out to you as important in this passage?	
At this point, what questions do you have about the meaning of the passage?	
How is this passage (or the ideas in this passage) referred to or developed in other parts of the Bible? (think about both OT and NT)	

BIG IDEA THE MAIN POINT OF THE PASSAGE	
What is the subject of the passage?	
What does the passage say about the subject?	
The Big Idea of the passage is (combine your answers to the two questions above)	
SUPPORTING IDEAS THE KEY IDEAS THAT SUPPORT THE ARGUMENT AND I	HELP US UNDERSTAND THE BIG IDEA
Supporting Idea 1	
Supporting Idea 2	
Supporting Idea 2 Supporting Idea 3	

APPLICATION	THEN WHAT THE PASSAGE MEANT TO THE ORIGINAL HEARERS	NOW WHAT THE PASSAGE MEANS TO US TODAY
What does the passage teach about God?		
How must the passage apply to everyone? • Head • Heart • Hands		
How must the passage NOT be applied? (what are some wrong ways to apply this passage?)		
How does the passage apply to specific people? • Head • Heart • Hands		
How do I need to apply this passage to my own life today?		