

# How to Study the Bible: O.I.A.



**WHAT:** After all the detective work, we reach conclusions about how we should think and live.

**ASK:** How does this apply today?

**Practical Tool:** Three Key Qs

1. What is God teaching me?
2. How am I going to respond?
3. Who am I going to share this with?

APPLICATION

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**WHAT:** This is when the detective “puts the pieces together” and comes up with an explanation of how the facts fit within the bigger picture.

**ASK:** What did this mean then?

**Practical Tools:** Commentaries, Study Bibles, Trusted Pastors and Scholars, etc.

INTERPRETATION

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**WHAT:** Imagine yourself as a spiritual detective. You must first gather the facts before drawing any conclusions.

**WHAT:** What do I see? Who, what, when, where, why & how?

**Practical Tools:** Bible Dictionaries, Historical Texts, Ancient Maps, Hebrew / Greek Lexicons, etc.

OBSERVATION

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