## HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

### OBSERVATION
*What Does it Say?*

- Who is writing or speaking and to whom?
- What is the passage about?
- When does this take place?
- Where does this take place?
- Why does the author write what he does?
- How does this passage fit in with the context?
- What is happening in the culture at the time of the writing?
- What problems were the recipients facing?

### INTERPRETATION
*What Does it Mean?*

- Putting yourself in the author’s shoes, what did the author intend to communicate?
- What did God mean when he gave the words to the author?
- How does the meaning match up with other scripture?

### APPLICATION
*How do I apply this truth to life?*

- How does the passage inform how we relate to God and others?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a prayer for me to pray?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a command to obey?

*Questions found in Living By the Book, Howard Hendricks*