

Choose a Text and Prepare Spiritually	Study the Backdrop for the Text	Work on Translation and General Observation	Perform Word and Concept analysis	Study the Broader Biblical and Theological Contexts	Apply the Text	Proclaim its Truths
Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
Ask:	Ask:	Do:	Do:	Do:	Do:	Ask:
What is the text on which I will focus?	What is the General Historical Situation of the Book?	A Basic Translation of the Text (if you have the language skills), or compare 4-5 good translations.	Identify Key Terms or Concepts in the Passage	Consult the Scripture Indices of Theologies	Write a Thesis Statement Concerning the Main Points of the Passage	What main point do I want to get across?
What are my presuppositions as I approach this text?	What, if any, is the Immediate Historical Situation Reflected in the Text Under Consideration? For Narrative, Who are the Main Characters, What are the Locations and the Time Frames?	Observe key questions concerning grammar and word meanings.	Consult a Concordance to see how the terms are used elsewhere by this author and others. Note those uses that seem to parallel your passage.	Read through the various parts of the theologies that deal with your passage under examination	Consider how these principles address the original context, keeping in mind the effect of different genre on the process.	How can I organize my message to communicate most effectively??
Am I submitted to the Lord and dependent on the Spirit as I approach this text?	What is the Broader Literary Context?	Observe Key Transitions, Comparisons, Contrasts, and Main Points	Consult a Lexicon or Theological Dictionary and Identify those meanings that seem to fit the context of your passage.	Write a statement concerning how your passage under consideration fits in a broader theological framework.	Identify parallel situations in our modern context	What illustrations could help shed light on the key truths I wish to communicate?
Am I ready to apply the truth I find here?	What is the genre (kind of literature)	Make a Provisional Outline of the Passage	Commentaries and Special Studies		Make Specific application for your own life and those you are to address	Pray for the filling of the Spirit and the energizing of your spiritual gifts.