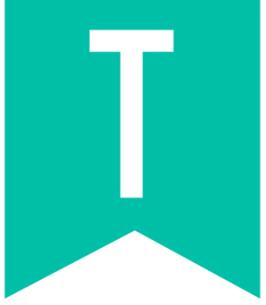




Start with prayer +  
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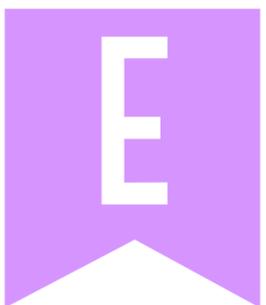
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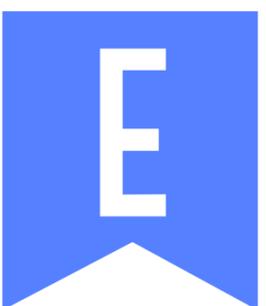
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End with  
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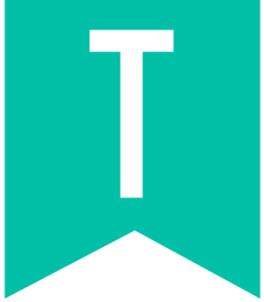
END YOUR TIME IN  
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*start with prayer - scriptures*

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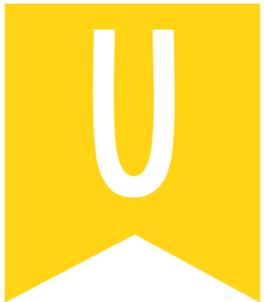
It is important to begin with prayer and create a reverent posture before the Lord. Remember, we are studying His Word to gain a greater understanding of who He is, not about ourselves. It is also important to read the passage all the way through. I even encourage, that if you are working your way through a book of the Bible, to start at the beginning of the book and read it at its entirety each time you sit down to study.



*Textual context - terms*

DETERMINE THE 5 W'S & LOOK UP UNKNOWN TERMS.

The 5's are: Who (who wrote it & to whom it was written), What (in what style was it written), When, Where, & Why (purpose/themes). This requires a little research, but understanding the historical context of the book will really help bring full understanding of the text and who God is in each passage of scripture. The Hebrew and Greek languages are so rich; take time to look up words in the original language for greater understanding.



*Unwrap with Questions*

UNDERSTAND THE TEXT BY ASKING QUESTIONS.

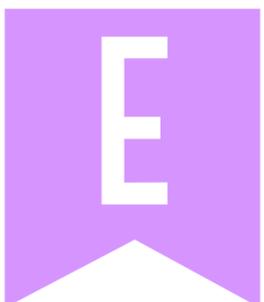
In order to help process what you are reading as you dig into a passage, write out questions on either your copy of the text or in a journal. Use the cross references in your Bible to help answer your questions.



*Draw conclusions*

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE READ.

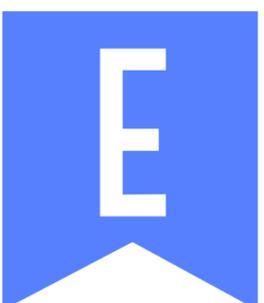
Based on all the information that you have gathered, what conclusions can you draw about the passage or set of scriptures? It is help to write out what you are learning (I call this AHA! moments) as you discover it.



*Examine attributes*

CONSIDER THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD, AND THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT WHICH TO APPLY TO THE PASSAGE.

Consider all that you have read and discovered about the passage, who is God in all of it?  
What are His characteristics?  
What has He done or said that stands out to you?



*End with application - action*

END YOUR TIME IN PRAYER. ASK THE LORD HOW TO APPLY HIS WORD TO YOUR LIFE.

How can you apply what you have learned to your daily life, and what will you do in response to what the Lord has revealed to you? Make sure to end your time in prayer and thank the Lord for His Word.