

Bible Study Methods

Observation

What does it say?

Look closely at the verse you are studying. Answer some or all of these questions. Who are the people involved? What happened? Where does this take place? When did it take place? How are things accomplished? Are there any key words in the passage? What images (pictures) are in the passage?

Interpretation

What does it mean?

- Write out questions about what you don't understand in the passage.
- What do you think this passage meant to the original audience that received it?
- Are there any words you need to better understand?

Application

What does it mean to me?

- The following questions may help you apply this passage to your life.
The **SPECK** method-
- 1. Is there a **SIN** for me to avoid?
- 2. Is there a **PROMISE** for me to claim?
- 3. Is there an **EXAMPLE** for me to follow? or not follow?
- 4. Is there a **COMMAND** for me to obey?
- 5. Is there any other **KNOWLEDGE** I should pursue?

Illustration

How do I pass it on?

- Draw a picture or diagram to illustrate what you have discovered from this passage.

PSALM 1

1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.