

# INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

## INTERPRETING THE BIBLE

### UNDERSTAND

#### WHAT THE PASSAGE SAYS

- **FORM:** How is it written?
- **WORDS:** What do they mean?
- **CONTEXT:** Where does it fit in?
- **PURPOSE:** Why was it written?
- **SETTING:** When was it written?

### EXPLAIN

#### WHAT THE PASSAGE MEANS

- **What is the main point or teaching?**
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- **How does it compare with other passages?**
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### APPLY

#### THE PASSAGE TO TODAY

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