

Choose an appropriate questions from this list to fit the Bible passages in your study.

1. How does this passage relate to another at Bk. ___ Ch. ___ Vs. ___?
2. In your opinion, does this passage convey a principle or is it simply an incident to carry the story?
3. Who is the human writer, and what do you think he is trying to say?
4. Why do you think he chooses to give his inspired message this way?
5. How does your own experience or personal story fit this Bible story? How doesn't it fit?
6. Who is the writer talking to?
7. Who is Jesus or the story character talking to?
8. Who might the Holy Spirit be talking to in this passage today?
9. What question or situation does the writer or character respond to?
10. What do you think it meant to the people at that time?
11. Compare one character in the reading to another. Can you find a little of either in yourself?
12. What, if any, idioms, symbolic language, or figures of speech do you find?
13. What do you think the Lord might be saying today to the Church by this?
14. Can you see how this might be a story about us?
15. How might God use these scriptures to speak to a modern person?
16. What does this say to you personally?
17. What does the Lord bring to your mind as you read this?
18. Can you find an allegory of a Christian truth or mystery at more than one level in this story?
19. What is the setting or situation? What are the facts?
20. What might this say to or about our society?
21. How do you think this supports Church teaching about?
22. How might, or is, this used in prayer or liturgy?
23. What are the spiritual or mystical assumptions behind this passage? What does it say from that point of view?
24. What is the issue? Who is it about? What feast day or time of year is it? What, when, why, where, who and how?
25. How might a modern, on the spot newsman report this?
26. What does this tell you about Christian freedom?
27. What does this tell you about salvation?
28. What does this tell you about Christian leadership?
29. What does this tell you about Christian ministry?
30. What does the Bible say here about itself?
31. What does the Holy Spirit bring to your mind as you read this?
32. Can you think of a time in your life this reminds you of?
33. What do the footnotes in your Bible say about this?
34. What cross references does your Bible have for this?
35. Do you think this is a description of reality, or is it a metaphor or a poetic or literary device?
36. Is this story told another time in the Bible? If so, what additional information does it give?
37. How do you think this might refer to the past, present, or future?
38. How do you think this might refer to heaven? earth? hell? life? death? eternity? the Kingdom?
39. Do you think this Old Testament passage is still valid today? How? Why? Why not?
40. How is God's wisdom shown here? How is God's mercy, love, Power, glory, shown here?
41. What can we do this week in response to this reading? What action response? What prayer response?
42. What changes does our society need to make in order to live this scripture? What should our personal contribution toward this be?
43. What changes does our parish need to make to fit better into God's plan as seen in this reading? What can we do to help bring this about?
44. What background information do you think would be helpful in understanding this passage?
45. What insights do you get if you substitute the word, "Church," for "Israel"? or _____ for _____ ?
46. What changes in our personal lives do we need if we take this scripture seriously?
47. What prayer response comes to mind?
48. What is the human writer saying? Who is he talking to?
49. How has this been understood by various saints and scholars?
50. What is the Holy Spirit saying to us today through this text? What is He saying to you personally?
51. How does this fit in with the larger message of this book?
52. How does this fit in with the great themes of the whole Bible?
53. With whom can you identify in this text?
54. Is this a metaphor, a parable, or history?

55. What are the facts of this reading?
56. What practical wisdom do you find here?
57. What do some differing commentaries say about this?
58. Do all Bible scholars agree about this?
59. How can we put this into action?
60. What surprise do you find in this text?
61. What do you like or dislike here?
62. What comforts you in this reading?
63. What disturbs you about this reading?
64. How has the Church's understanding of this text changed over the centuries?
65. What feelings does this reading trigger for you?
66. How might we celebrate this Bible event?
67. What, if anything, has Church authority said about this text?
68. What response does this text invite?
69. To which of the Great themes of the Bible does this text contribute?
70. How does this text contribute to our understanding of salvation history?
71. What does this tell you about your personal relationship with Jesus?
72. What are the key words in this text?

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