

# REAP / Bible Study Method

## READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to teach, correct, and train you (2 Timothy 3:16). As you're reading, ask yourself these questions:

- What is happening in this passage?
- Who's speaking, who's the original audience, what's the situation?
- Summarize what's going on in this passage in your own words

## EXAMINE

Spend some time reflecting. Ask yourself these questions, and write down your thoughts:

- What things are emphasized, repeated, related?
- What do you see about God? What is God doing in this passage?
- What do you see about man?
- How do you think the author wants his audience to respond?

## APPLY

After examining the passage, apply the text to your own life. Ask yourself these questions:

- How do I need to repent? What truths do I need to believe? What false beliefs must I turn from?
- What can I do – empowered by the Holy Spirit – today to apply this passage?

## PRAY

Pray through the passage and your application, asking God to change your heart and to change your life, based on the time you've spent in God's Word.

- How can we pray the text back to God?
- How does this passage inform and direct our prayers?
- What words or language does it give us?

After you finish, share what God taught you with at least one person—your roommate, your spouse, your kids, or your coworkers. Don't keep what God taught you to yourself.