**NEW CHRISTIANS OR NEW TO THE BIBLE**

**BIBLE READING CHEAT STARTER**

**OBSERVE**

* **Who was this written to?**
* **What is happening in the passage?**
* **When and where did this take place?**
* **Why did the author write this?**

**INTERPRET**

* **What would the original hearers have thought?**
* **How does this fit in with the greater story of the Bible?**
* **Are there other parts of scripture that help you understand this passage?**

**APPLY**

* **What does this tell about who God is?**
* **What does this tell you about your sin and need for a Savior?**
* **How might these truths transform your life today?**

Recommend printing and keeping copies in your Bible for reference and guidance.   
A book chart will help you write down what the text says and means, and to tackle questions such as: *Who? What? Where? When? How? and Why?*   
*What does this passage say about God? About me? My sin? My struggles? My opportunities?   
What is my example to follow? What Fruit, Discipline, and Character do I need in order to develop and operate?   
What are the sins I need to avoid? What is my call and duty to carry out?   
What promise does He have for me to receive? What prayer do I need to offer?*   
Then write down your reflections in first person singular because it applies to you.

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