

# SWEDISH STUDY METHOD



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## PRAY

Prayer is powerful in understanding scripture. Ask God to bring clarity and understanding as you read.

## READ

Reading scripture out loud together helps focus the mind and heart.

## OBSERVE + DISCUSS

Look for three things:



### A LIGHT BULB //

Anything that draws attention or stands out. It can be something that strikes you particularly or is an important part of the passage.



### A QUESTION MARK //

Anything that is hard to understand.



### AN ARROW //

How can you apply this to your life? How is God encouraging you? Is there a sin God is revealing to you?

## EXPAND

As you become more comfortable, expand your questions to include the following:

- **GENRE //** What type of writing is this? Narrative? Poetry? Wisdom Literature? A Parable?
- **MAIN IDEA //** What is the central idea the author was trying to get his audience to understand? Look at repeated words and phrases. How is the plot developing?
- **CONTEXT //** What happened before and after the passage? What is the historical context? What would the original audience have seen or experienced?
- **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT //** Has a character grown? Changed in some way? Is there a sin revealed?
- **GOD'S CHARACTER //** What does this passage reveal about God?
- **GOSPEL CONNECTION //** How does this passage reveal the Gospel - Namely how is God working towards the redemption of humanity? Does it hint at Jesus and the cross in some way?

# SWEDISH METHOD CONT'D



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## EXPAND CONT'D

The list of ways you can expand your study will be based on your time and how deep you are able to get into the passage. If you are studying with someone use these guidelines to direct your discussion and reflection. You also may consider journaling. Journaling your answers can help you focus on the passage and will allow you to reflect back later. Each time you study, God might reveal something different or bring clarity to your questions.

## MODIFY

This method can also be modified to use with your children and for family devotions. Teaching your children in short, thoughtful moments can help them grow in understanding and love for the word of God.

## NOTES

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