

# DIGGING DEEP

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## OBSERVE

### *What does the text say?*

- Read the whole chapter all the way through for context and comprehension.
- Write out the week's specific verses in your journal.
- Read the verses a few times through marking:
  - Key words
  - Repeated words
  - Transition words (but, therefore, because, if/then)
  - Contrasts or comparisons
  - Commands

## INTERPRET

### *What does the text mean?*

- Ask yourself: What would the original hearers have thought? This is an important first step before we consider what this passage means to us today.
- Challenge yourself to evaluate how this passage fits within the greater story of the Bible: Creation - Fall - Redemption - Restoration
- Paraphrase: Rewrite the text in your own words. This is challenging but worth the effort!

## APPLY

### *How does the text change me?*

- Answer these questions:
  - What does this passage teach me about who God is?
  - What does this passage teach me about who I am?
  - Does this passage illuminate any areas where my heart is not in alignment with God's heart?
  - Are any specific people, circumstances, conversations, mistakes, or habits coming to mind?
  - What practical step can I take today to obey the truths in this passage?