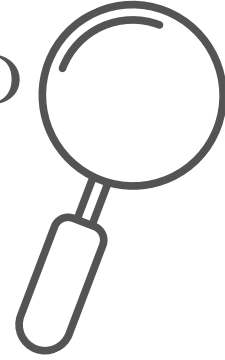




# FELLOWSHIP DENVER CHURCH

## THE C. I. A. METHOD



### CONTENT

THE CONTENT QUESTION: *WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?*



ONE | Read the text.

Helpful tools: A study Bible or more than one translation of the Bible (the ESV, NIV, CSB, and NIRV are all translations we use!)

### INTERPRETATION

THE INTERPRETATION QUESTION: *WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN?*



TWO | Determine the context.

Helpful questions:

1. Who wrote this text? Who was the audience?
2. What type of writing is this? Poetry? Narrative? *etc.*
3. Where does this text fit in the storyline of the Bible?
4. How does this *part* relate to the *whole* of the biblical text?
5. Within context, what is the "big idea" of this text?
6. Does this text point to Jesus or to the gospel?

### APPLICATION

THE APPLICATION QUESTION: *WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE TEACH ME OR ASK OF ME?*



THREE | Be curious.

Ask:

1. What does this show me about God?
2. What does this show me about myself? About people?
3. What does this show me about my need for a Savior?

"The Bible was written to others—but speaks to you. The Bible is about God—but draws you in. Your challenge is always to reapply Scripture afresh, because God's purpose is always to rescript your life." David Powlison