

Missional Bible Study

Read the Bible passage.

Questions:

- When the passage was being read, what word or phrase popped out for you?
- While the reader kept on reading, where did your mind stop to wonder?

The context—Where are we?

Sample questions:

- What is the context of the biblical passage? Geographical? Political? Social?
- What is the nature of the people, powers, and systems in this context?
- Where are people trapped by sin and evil?

- What is our context? Where are we? What is our world like?
- Is there anything in our context that is like the context of the biblical passage?

The gospel—What is God doing?

Sample questions:

- In the biblical text, where is God at work?
- What is God's good news?
- What does the text tell us about God's future?
- How is God calling people to change, or to enter the reign/kingdom of God?
- How does this text point us toward Jesus?

- In our context, where do we see or sense God at work?
- What is God's good news for us?
- How is God calling us to change?
- How is God challenging us to enter the reign/kingdom of God?

The church—How is God calling and sending us to participate in God's mission in the world?

Sample questions:

- In the biblical text, how are God's people called and sent to participate with God in what God is doing?
- In the biblical text, how are God's people called to be a sign of God's future?
- In our context, how is God calling and sending the church to participate in what God is doing in the world?
- How does this text call the church to discern its missional vocation?
- How does this text call and send the church, in all of its life together, to be a sign of the reign/kingdom of God? How can everything we do be more in sync with God's mission in the world?
- When others are watching the church, what do they see that would give them a hint of what God is doing in the world, or what God intends for the future? How can this text help the church align all that we do, say, and are with God's future?
- Through this text, what can we learn about how God is not only calling and sending us, but also empowering us, giving us what we need to work with God?