S.O.A.P

Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer

Scripture:

Pray
Read the passage (copy it if you like)
Read the passage again to establish what is going on
Ask the 5 W's and an H
What is the overall message of the passage?

Observation

Words or phrases repeated or stressed? Commands to follow? Promises from God? List of contrast? (God is like, the righteous are) Truths to believe? Errors to avoid?

Application

Scripture that I should memorize?
Things I can do that I have not been doing?
Things I should stop doing?
How can I share what I learned to help someone?
How should my perspective change from?

Prayer

Things to pray about?
People to pray for?
End in prayer just like you began

WHO . . . wrote it? is speaking? is the recipient(s)? is this about? are the main characters?

WHERE . . . are the main characters? did or will this happen? was it said?

WHAT . . . is the theme? do you learn about the people/event/teaching? instructions are given?

WHY . . . was it written? is something said? would or will this happen? at this time? this person?

WHEN . . . was it written? do/will events occur? did/will something happen to a person, people, or nation?

HOW . . . will it happen? is it to be done? is it illustrated?