



*For this exercise, select a passage from the Gospel's and have the students reflect on the following:*

Ask yourselves always while reading: Who is God? What does what I am reading tell me about God?

1. Who is writing and to whom? What does it mean that it's written by them?
2. What am I reading? What is it saying? What is happening?
3. What does this mean about God's relationship with man?
4. What is the context of what is occurring?
5. Where is this happening in the context of God's relationship with man?
6. In the gospels, ask, Why is Christ saying what He is saying and approaching the situation in this way? What does this tell me about Him?
7. What is the cultural context, historical context?
8. What is everyone mentioned thinking? Why are thinking what they are thinking? What is their background?
9. Who is involved? How does who they are change the context of the situation?
10. What are the places mentioned? Does it make a difference in the story? Is there a reason the name of a place is mentioned? Is it a far place or a nearby neighbor?

Place yourself in the shoes of everyone mentioned

1. How would I react if someone told me this or did this to me?
2. How do I receive what God is telling this person (He may be talking to me as well)
3. How does Christ react to what is said and done to Him, or what is going on around Him? Do I react like Him? If not, why not? What do I need to do differently to start being more like Him?
4. Where is everyone in the situation? Are they inside, outside, by the side, just arriving? Does this change anything?
5. Why isn't Christ doing a particular thing or saying a particular thing?
6. When does Christ choose to speak and when does He stay silent? Why?
7. Why isn't a certain person doing a specific thing or saying something?
8. Are there any prophecies being fulfilled?
9. Why are certain people, places or things specifically mentioned and named?
10. How are people affected by their encounter with Jesus and God?
11. How can I apply this to my life? Where in my life can I start changing to be more inline with what I read? Where in my life can I start acting more like Christ?