

Adapted from David Helm. Purchase his book and more free handouts here:

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These questions are designed for the Gospels.

C	Don't open the bible yet. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events or characters? What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?
O	Read the passage and then ask: What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves? Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage? Is there a conflict or high point in the passage? Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story? What surprises are there? What's odd?
M	This is the meaning for the original audience and pulling out the timeless theological truth being taught. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening? Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn? What does the passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what he came into the world to do? How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?
A	This is where we think about our heads hearts, hands and mouths. It's our time to apply the implications from the passage. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding? Is there some attitude you need to change? What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?