Text: Name:

*Directions: Please complete this worksheet for your assigned passage and bring 10 copies so that each member of your small group has the benefit of seeing your work (keep to 1 or 2 pages). You will be asked to walk the group through this worksheet, explaining how you believe we are to understand and apply the passage. If this worksheet is new to you, don’t worry and don’t feel intimidated. We’re all learning together, no perfect worksheets are allowed. Do your best and bring any questions.*

# #1: OBSERVATION (DISCOVER WHAT IS THERE IN THIS PASSAGE)

*Please answer one of the following questions:*

1. What distinguishes this passage from the material that precedes it and follows it? (i.e. contrast, progression in thought, new concepts, etc.)
2. Consider the character(s) in this passage. What one word or phrase can you use to describe them in this scene?

*Please answer one of the following questions:*

1. What question(s) would you have for the author or a person in this passage?.
2. Imagine talking with someone from this passage, just minutes after this scene. How do you think they would retell the encounter? What would they focus on? What do they remember most? How do they communicate it (emotions, non-verbal communication, etc.)?

# #2a: INTERPRETATION - ORIGINAL CONTEXT/AUDIENCE (DESCRIBE WHAT THIS PASSAGE MEANS)

*Please answer one of the following questions:*

1. What are two or three words you could use to remember the main point of this passage?
2. How might you teach the point of this passage to a child? How could you illustrate to bring more clarity?

# #2b: INTERPRETATION - IN LIGHT OF THE WHOLE STORY (DESCRIBE HOW IT FITS INTO THE CHRIST STORY)

*Please see the helps to assist you in answering this question*

1. How does the main idea of this passage (answer from #2a) direct us to the Christ and/or His work in redemption? Is the truth…

a **C**ommand/biblical ethic only Christ can fulfill and empower

a **H**ope in which only Christ can give real reason to trust and rest

a **R**eoccurring theme that eventually climaxes in Christ

an **I**ll that can only be righted or resolved in Christ

a **S**ymbol illustrating an aspect of the Christ event

a **T**imeline update of the redemption to be accomplished in Christ

Note: a passage’s main theme may fit into multiple categories. If this is the case, choose the one that seems most natural

# #3: APPLICATION (DISCERN HOW TO RESPOND)

*Please answer two of the following questions:*

1. Why do you think you sometimes fail to trust in 100% of what this passage teaches?
2. What are the implications if what this passage teaches is true or false?
3. 1 Thessalonians 2:13 says that God’s word “goes to work” inside those who believe. How do you think this passage might “go to work” in you, whether it is quick and dramatic and obvious, or slow and progressive and virtually unseen?