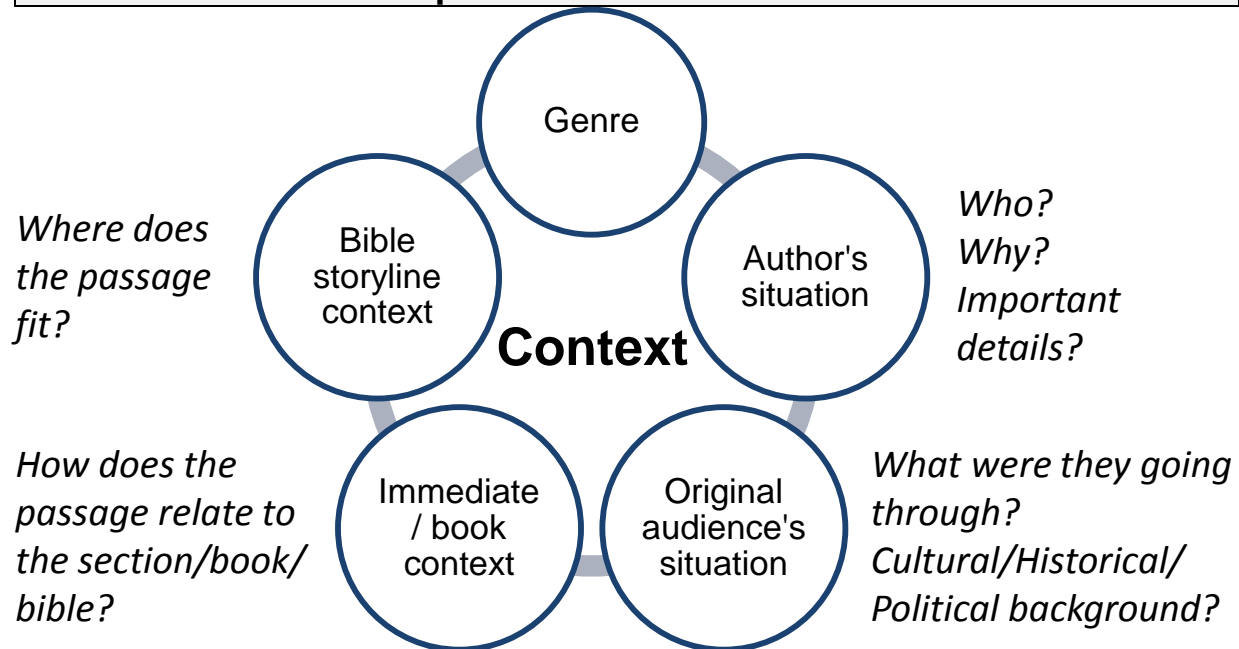


## Reading the Bible in 5 Steps

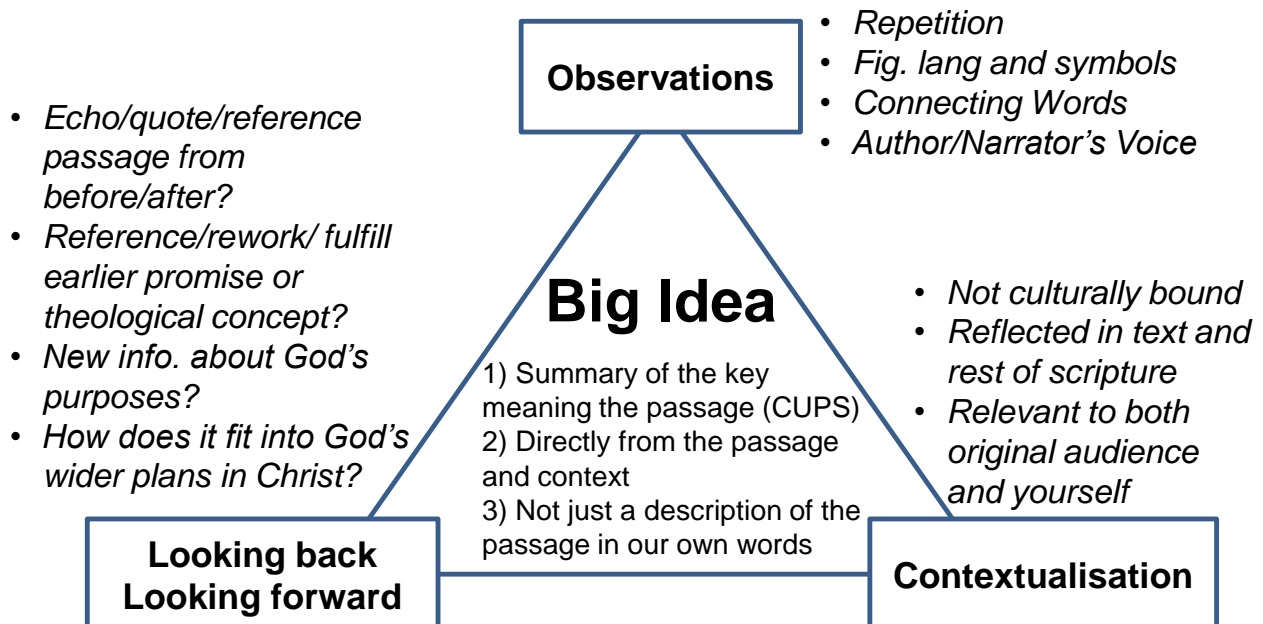
### Step 1: 2 Questions to ask ourselves before

How am I reading? Why am I reading?

### Step 2: What is the context?



### Step 3: Big Idea



### Step 4: Our Need

Why did God see the need to inspire the writing of this passage?

Step 5: Application	
What does God require of me?	How can I do what God requires?
<b>1. The Sin (Matt 3:2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is God calling me to change? (<i>Example to follow, command to obey, error to avoid, sin to forsake, promise to claim, truth to believe</i>)</li> <li>What are the reasons given?</li> </ul>	<b>2. The lie (Rom 1:25)</b> <b>Target the Heart</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the lies that I believe or the truths I suppress that results in this sin? Why?</li> <li>What is functionally ruling my heart in this situation?</li> </ul>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <b>NO THROUGH ROAD</b>  <b>(Luke 6:43)</b> </div>	<b>3. Repentance (Rom 12:2)</b> <b>Gospel change from inside-out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Am I depending solely on God to change me?</li> <li>Am I clear about where the change to belief and behaviour needs to happen?</li> <li>Is Jesus King over my life?</li> </ul>
	<b>4. The truth (John 8:32)</b> <b>The new heart</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the new truth that I must believe in order to support my new behaviour? (God and His Character, Christ and His Salvation, Human nature, Church / life in the people of God, Creation and the World, Scripture)</li> <li>Am I motivated by grace and a desire to please God as King?</li> </ul>
<b>5. The godly life (Matt 3:8)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does fruit of repentance look like in terms of behaviour?</li> <li>What is the very next action I can take?</li> </ul>	

