

MANUSCRIPTING A BIBLE TEXT

p 1: Read the Text

- ▶ Read through the text slowly, one time, to acquaint yourself with the text.

Step 2: Observe by Labeling the Text

- ▶ Draw a circle around any words, phrases, or ideas which you see repeated.
- ▶ Draw a box around any words which contrast things (but, rather, however, yet, etc.).
- ▶ Draw a special circle around any words that connect things (therefore, since, because, as a result, etc.).
- ▶ Double underline any words which compare two things (as, just as, like, etc.).
- ▶ Draw arrows (→) between any words, phrases, or ideas which you think are connected.
- ▶ Place a star (☆) beside any phrase or sentence that you think is especially important.
- ▶ Mark anything else that is interesting to you in the text.

Step 3: Ask Questions

Put a question mark (?) beside anything you have a question about.

- ▶ Write in the column any questions that you have.

Step 4: Interpret by Answering Your Questions from the Text

- ▶ Is there anything *in the text* which might answer your question?

Step 5: Summarize the Text

- ▶ What do you think is the main idea of the passage? Right it down.

Step 6: Apply the Text to Your Life

- ▶ How is God asking me to apply this text to my "real life"?
 - What sings? (An encouragement or promise needed)
 - What rings? (A truth or practice I need in my life)
 - What stings? (A correction or rebuke needed)

What is God's desire for me?

What will I do about it?