

# PROAPT Bible Study Guide

**PROAPT** is a widely used tool created by Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship to help you study the Bible. The letters of the acronym stand for **P**ray, **R**ead, **O**bserve, **A**pply, **P**ray, and **T**ell.

Instead of just reading a passage and fishing for something to speak to you, these steps will help you think about the passage more holistically and in context.

At first, it may help to print copies of this worksheet to fill out as you go. Eventually, you'll no longer need such a structured guide because the steps will come more naturally.

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Passage** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAY**

Preface your reading by praying this or a similar prayer:

*"Here I am Lord; come by your Spirit and teach me. I trust that you will speak."*

**READ**

Read the passage 1 to 3 times... slowly.

**OBSERVE**

Observe what the passage says. Copy down any verse(s) you feel God is speaking to you — either by affirming you, convicting you, or saying something you don't understand.

**Also ask...**

What is it saying about God?

What is it saying about me? Who? How? Why?

**Interpret what you've observed. This could include:**

- a. Considering what it meant to *them, then* (the original recipients, in their time)
- b. Paraphrasing it in your own words
- c. Listing any comparisons and contrasts
- d. Listing all warnings, advice, and promises
- e. Noting any if/then statements

***Now stop and spend some time in quiet reflection.***

**APPLY**

What does it mean to *us, now*?

- a. What truth should I believe?
- b. What am I to do... and how will it affect my actions, attitudes, relationship with God or others?
- c. Is there something I can do about this in the next 48 hours?

**PRAY**

Consider the **ACTS** Prayer Plan:

**A**doration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication (humbly asking)

**TELL**

What \_\_\_\_\_

To Whom \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_