

## THINK

# Alive to God in Scripture

#### OVERVIEW

|                 | READ                              | THINK                               | PRAY                                 | RESPOND                           |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Pursuit         | Awareness                         | Truth                               | Discernment                          | Choosing and<br>Presence          |
| Key<br>question | What does<br>passage<br>say?      | What does<br>passage<br>mean?       | What does<br>passage<br>mean for me? | Choosing<br>God's<br>invitations? |
| Movement        | From<br>control to<br>receptivity | From<br>receptivity to<br>awakening | From<br>awakening to<br>invitation   | From<br>invitation to<br>choosing |

### ABOUT 'THINK'...

We will spend three weeks in this phase called 'Think.'

As a dog gnaws on a bone or a lion growls over its prey, we will thoroughly chew on this passage.

The focus here is, "What does it mean?"

Biblical writers lived within a distinct historical context and their writings address a specific audience with a clear message.

The Bible does not mean whatever we want it to mean.

If we do not understand the **author's original intent**, we do not understand the meaning of the passage.

This requires some study.



#### START HERE

Three weeks, three sections, **one section each week**. (Print it out or use it electronically. Do what works best for you.)

- Underline or circle **key words**. <u>Relax: there is no 'right' or 'wrong'</u> <u>here.</u>
- Use Bible Hub:

   Background of Ephesians
   Look-up key words
   No commentaries until other work is done
- Note any transitions, repeating words, patterns.

Forming a new habit takes time.

Relax.

And have fun.