Passage:

1. Handwrite the passage.

Use any method of outlining or diagramming that is helpful for you to see the connection between various phrases in the text.

Passage:

2. Make a list of observations you see in the text.

These can be as simple as "The word is plural, so that means there is more than one." Or, it can be more complicated: "It's interesting that the number 7 is used in this verse because of the symbolism of 7 in other parts of Scripture."

Passage:

3. Make a list of questions you have about the passage.

Write down any questions you may have as you meditate over the text. Examples: Is this "you" singular or plural? What does the word "propitiation" mean? What is the significance of the verse starting with "for?"

Passage:

4. Write down any potential cross references for the passage. (A cross reference is any other place in the Bible that may use the same words or talk about similar concepts)

You can find cross references from your own knowledge of Scripture, notes in your Bible, commentaries, or using various websites that provide the ability to search for words or phrases in the Bible (biblegateway.com, esv.org, blueletterbible.org).

- 5. Read a helpful resource about the passage. (Commentaries, sermons, articles, etc.). As you read, you can go back and add notes to your observations, questions, and cross references.
- 6. Write down the important truths this passage teaches us, including how it applies to our lives: