

## Observation

1. Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the text? Are there key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?
2. What is the main point or points? What supporting points does the author make?
3. What surprises are there in the flow of the argument or discussion?

## Meaning

1. How does the passage relate to Jesus?
2. What does this teach you about God?
3. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

## Application

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your Bible understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

Check out “One to One Bible Reading” by David Helm to learn more about the COMA Bible Study method.

## The Priorities of a Church

1 Timothy 1:1-11 // Brian Bolton // 9.9.18

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# GROWTH GUIDE // September 9-16, 2018

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## What is a Growth Guide?

This a tool to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

## How do I use the Growth Guide?

- Use the front of the guide to take notes from Sunday's message. If you miss a message watch it online.
- Use this guide as a personal study tool, read the scriptures, answer the questions.
- Take the "Growth Guide" with you to your growth group. During Growth Group you dive into the guide deeper together with others and you grow together.

## What's a Growth Group?

Growth Groups are sermon-base small groups that meet primarily in homes. To join a group, visit [mycpointe.com/growthgroups](http://mycpointe.com/growthgroups)

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During this season of Growth Groups were using the Growth Guide as a tool to teach you an effective way to study and apply the Bible to life. The guide is put together in a study method called COMA.

**C - Context:** You will be asked questions to help you think about what's the setting of the scripture and what's taking place during the time of the writing.

**O - Observation:** Questions will lead you to think about main points, big ideas, surprises, key words or interesting facts.

**M - Meaning:** These questions will help you wrestle with the meaning of the passage. The goal is to discover what God wanted us to understand.

**A - Application:** In this time of learning you will be challenged to think about how you apply God's word to your everyday living.

## Begin

**Pray** - ask God to open your eyes and mind to His scripture.

**Confess** - are you dealing with any struggles or sins which are roadblocks between you and God. Confess and repent, this will open up your communication flow to God

**Read** - read the scripture each week multiple times. You will notice different important parts of God's Word as you read and reread.

**1 Timothy** - Read Chapters 1 - 6, this will help you get an complete overview of the letter.

**1 Timothy 1:1-11** - Read this 2-3 times then move onto answering the following questions.

## Context

1. What can you learn about the person or situation to which the letter is written?
2. Who was the letter written to and why?
3. What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
4. What's the idea of the passage?