

The Four Questions

		Example: Genesis 1
Who is God?	always answered in scripture	The Creator
What has God done?	always answered in scripture	He Created all things
Who am I?	always answered in scripture	God's Creation...created in the image of God
What will I do?	you have to answer this one	<i>How does this (who God is, what God's done, your identity as a result of who God is and what God's done) change the way you live?</i>

Who is God?

- Start with God: How is God's character and nature revealed in what we're reading?
- Look for specific references to his attributes (Exodus 34:5-7)
- Look for implied references to his attributes (Acts 5:1-6)
- Always start with God when you approach scripture (too often we immediately look to see how this applies to our lives...we start with us. It's not our story—it's his)

What has God done?

- What does the text say about the work of God?
- The person and work of Jesus is revealed on every page of the Bible (Luke 24:27)
- So we look for the character and nature of God...then we look at the work of God

Who am I?

- What does the text say about your identity?
- Note the things that are true of God's people in the text
 - a. 2 Cor. 1:19-22
 - b. *Who is God? **Faithful** to his promise*
 - c. *What has he done? **Fulfilled promise** in Jesus and he's **given us his Spirit***
 - d. *Who are we? As believers we are all **anointed with God's Spirit**, and because of Jesus we are all **part of God's royal priesthood**, set apart for special service to God*
- So we start with God—who he is, what he's done—then we discover the truth about who we are in light of who God is and what God's done.

What will I do?

- In light of this, how does it change the way we live?
- We almost always start here: "How does this apply to my life?"
- Rightly motivated, gospel-centered action flows out of an understanding of who God is, what he's done, and who we are in light of who he is and what he's done.
- So we start with God...then we end with this question: what will I do?