**QUICK GUIDE – ONLINE MANUSCRIPT BIBLE STUDY (60m)

Using a Shared Communal Manuscript *Scripture Passage – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

5 min **Community and Vision** – *Ask a question or lead an activity that helps your group get to know one another. Then tell the group your vision for why you are meeting and what you want to see God do.*

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2 min **Pray** – *Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your study.*

2 min **Context** – “What comes immediately before and after this passage? What parts of this passage might be influenced by history or culture, and what might require explanation?” *Identify the context together and type it in the shared space.*

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5 min **Read** – *Share the text online in a way that all participants can view and interact with the text. Read aloud and then give time to read alone.* “Take two minutes to read the passage again quietly on your own.”

10 min **Observe Together** – “Let’s look closely at the passage and gather the facts by marking what we see. We are curious investigators. Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect. Make sections and label them. If you see something, say something. Share aloud as you mark on the text. Just be careful not to draw conclusions yet.”

20 min **Interpret** – “Let’s get curious and ask questions that will help us discuss what the author wanted the original readers to understand. Good questions come from our best observations. Ask your questions, and I will type as you share.” *Post the questions as comments on the doc or type them on the shared screen.*

*Add 1-2 key questions you prepared ahead of time, if necessary.*

*Decide which 4-5 are most significant and use the passage to answer those together.*

“While answering, let’s listen and make space for one another as we share. We will keep the text at the center and avoid using any resource the original readers would not have had. Let’s keep each other on track by saying: Please help us see that in the text.” *First 5 min in breakout rooms if group > 7 members.*

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6 min **Summarize** – “First, how would you summarize this passage? Second, how would you communicate the core message the author is communicating to the original audience, in just one sentence?” *As the group discusses the core message, type their thoughts in the shared space. Include your own answer, too.*

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8 min **Apply** – “How can we apply this core message to our lives in a relevant way? Let’s type our answers and read what one another is sharing.” *Have the group create a question or use a question you prepared ahead of time. Inviting sharing aloud or debrief by asking,* “What’s it like to read all the responses?”

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| How does this passage challenge my current thinking about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?  What is this passage asking of me or my community? |

2 min **Pray** – *Close in prayer together.*

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