

PRAY

GOD TO SPEAK

START BY ASKING

READ THE PASSAGE SLOWLY, AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES FOR YOU TO FEEL LIKE YOU COULD SUMMARIZE IT IN YOUR OWN WORDS

READ

ASK

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stands out to me here?
- 2) What does this seem to be saying about God? Humanity? Or the way the world is?
- 3) How does the gospel of Jesus fit into this passage? How does bringing Jesus in help your understanding of this section?
- 4) What about the gospel as its being told here should change the way I live?

the right side might help you

PRAY

END BY THANKING GOD

IN THE BEGINNING **GOD CREATES A GOOD WORLD** FOR HUMANS TO TAKE CARE OF UNDER HIS RULE.

BUT **WE ALL REBEL** AGAINST GOD AND LIVE ACCORDING TO OUR OWN RULES, SIN CORRUPTS US.

SO GOD CHOOSES A PEOPLE TO GIVE HIS LAW TO AND TO DWELL WITH, BUT EVEN HIS OWN PEOPLE CAN NOT MEASURE UP TO HIS PERFECTION; IN FACT, **SIN ONLY INCREASES.**

BUT JESUS ENTERS THE WORLD, RESTORING GOD'S RIGHTFUL RULE *WITH* HUMANITY, SAVING US BY DEFEATING SIN AND DEATH ON THE CROSS, AND, BEING RAISED TO NEW LIFE, BEGINS TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW AND RIGHT WITH GOD.

JESUS ASCENDS TO THE FATHER, SENDING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL HIS PEOPLE SO **WE MAY LIVE IN THE NEW LIFE HE GIVES,** AND PROCLAIM HIM KING OF ALL.

JESUS IS COMING BACK TO UNITE HEAVEN AND EARTH, TO BRING COMPLETE RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW!