

1 - Observation: What does the text say?

- 1) In verses 25-28, how does Jesus describe his relationship with the Father, and what transition does he promise regarding his communication with the disciples?
- 2) How do the disciples react to Jesus' "plain" speech in verses 29-30, and what do they claim to understand about him?
- 3) What prediction does Jesus make about the disciples' immediate future in verse 32, and how does he contrast their response with his own?

2 - Interpretation: What does the text mean?

- 1) Jesus tells the disciples they won't need him to ask the Father on their behalf (v. 26-27). Why is this a significant shift for the disciples, and what does it reveal about the Father's character?

3 - Application: How do you respond to this text?

- 1) Jesus promises, "In the world you will have tribulation." How does shifting your focus from avoiding trouble to finding peace within it change how you handle your current challenges?
- 2) Jesus' final words are: "Take heart; I have overcome the world." What specific area of your life currently feels like it is "overcoming" you, and how can you practically apply the truth of Christ's victory to that situation this week?

4 - Reflection Note

As you reflect on these verses, consider the contrast between the disciples' fragile, momentary confidence and the rock-solid reality of Christ's finished work. Jesus does not promise that we will never be afraid or scattered; he promises that because he has overcome, our peace is not dependent on our own strength, but on his presence with us.