THE HAVERIM TEMPLATE

Intended | P'shat | Context to discover the Point

Specific Question

• What seems odd that might be better understood with an increased knowledge of its context?

Generic Questions

• Who wrote it?
• Why did they write it?
• Where were they when they wrote it or where did it happen?
• How is it affected by the manners and customs of the day?
• What can archaeology teach us about this passage?
• What does history teach us about the subject?
• What happened to the main character(s) before or after the incident?

Action Point

• Share what the context taught you about the main point of the passage.

Implied | R'mez | Connections to discover the Principle

Specific Question

• Is there a pattern to be discovered or a principle to be applied?

Generic Questions

• Does the passage refer to another Scripture, story, or prophecy in the Bible?
• Does anything referenced here have a meaning elsewhere in Scripture?

Action Point

• Put the principle into a sound bite, diagram, or story to share.

Interpreted | D'rash | Collaboration to discover the Purpose

Specific Instructions

• Choose the character and verse(s) you want to interpret and ask why they did what they did.

Generic Instructions

• Rewrite the verse(s) in first person.
• Include what the character may have been thinking or feeling.
• Retell the story, fill in the gaps, but whatever you do, don't change the facts.

Action Point

• Read out your d'rash and optionally use a creative tool to explain what you discovered.

Inspired | S'od | Contemplation to discover the Practice

Optional Catalyst

• Use a creative tool to help people focus their contemplation.

Personal Questions

• Lord, what do I not yet understand about this passage?
• What has previously been hidden to me?
• What do You want me to do in response to this passage?

Friendship Question

• Is there someone to whom I can pass on a message from this passage and how should I do that?

Action Point

• Share what God said to you and what He inspired you to tell others

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