August 9 2009 What Do I See? Acts 1:8

Zephaniah 2:3 & 3:12

First, our "Method" involves taking certain steps in a certain order to get a guaranteed result.

What is the product we are after?

Our aim is life-change.

- 1. Observation What do I see?
- 2. Interpretation What does it mean?
- 3. Application *How does it work?*

1. Observation

What do I see?

What are the facts?

You take on the role of a biblical detective, looking for clues.

In Observation let's look at four things.

- A. Terms
- **B.** Structure
- C. Literary form
- D. Atmosphere

A. Terms

A Term is more than a word.

It's a key word that is critical to what an author has to say.

B. Structure

The Bible has sixty-six carefully constructed books that display two basic kinds of structure. First, there is grammatical structure.

Second, there is literary structure.

C. Literary form

The Holy Spirit used each of these forms to communicate His message.

D. Atmosphere

Reading for atmosphere involves picking up the setting and feelings from the biblical text.