An Interactive Bible Study
Of
Historical Reading

Remaining Questions, Ponderings, Insights?
Literary Reading

I. Theme and Purpose
II. Literary Context
III. Structure; form; type; movement; catch words and phrases
IV. Character Analysis
V. Setting: Spatial, Temporal, & Social
VI. Narrator’s point of view; rhetoric
VII. Themes
VIII. Where is God?
Literary Reading

- First Steps on Type
- Literary Context
- Setting: Spatial, Temporal, & Social
Literary Exercise #1

Mark all time indicators in the text.

• v13 that same day
• v18 these days
• v21 third day
• v22 early this morning
• v29 almost evening and the day is almost over
• v30 when he was at table
• v33 that same hour
Literary Exercise #2

Notice Places

• Choose a place to discuss: Village, Jerusalem, Journey, Meal
• Talk about this place in your life.
• Where is your place found elsewhere in the Bible, and why it is important?
Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow’rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
Literary Reading

• First Steps on Type and Theme
• Literary Context
• Setting: Spatial, Temporal, & Social
  – Exercise: Circle places/ times
• Character Analysis/ Point of View
  – Literary Exercise #3: Take on a character
• Important Themes
Literary Exercise #4

Underline verbs in verses 28-29
Literary Exercise #4

Underline verbs in verses 30-32
Literary Exercise #4

Underline verbs in verses 33-35
How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, oh be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid,
I’ll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.