1. **Challenges of Relying on Study Bibles**
    - How can study Bibles be both beneficial and potentially limiting to personal Bible study?
    - What steps can we take to ensure we are not overly dependent on study Bibles but instead are learning to study the Bible on our own?
2. **Understanding Context and Genre**
    - Why is it important to be aware of the genre and historical context of a biblical text?
    - Can you think of an example where misunderstanding the genre or context might lead to a misinterpretation of a passage?
3. **Observation Techniques**
    - What specific observation techniques can help us better understand the content of a biblical passage (e.g., identifying patterns, repeated words, key ideas)?
    - How does focusing on the author's original intention during observation prevent us from jumping to personal interpretations prematurely?
4. **Testing Interpretations**
    - What are some methods for testing our interpretations of a biblical passage to ensure they are accurate and consistent with the rest of Scripture?
    - How can using commentaries and other biblical resources help validate or challenge our interpretations?
5. **Application and Gospel Connection**
    - How can we apply the content, original intent, and our personal interpretation of a passage to our lives in a way that honors the overarching narrative of Scripture?
    - In what ways should our application of Scripture always point us back to the gospel and the character of God rather than focusing solely on ourselves?
    - How can you ensure that your personal Bible study consistently leads you to a deeper relationship with Christ and a greater understanding of His redemptive work, rather than simply acquiring knowledge?