

Mark #4 – Compelling Summary

The significance of summarizing –

A Compelling Summary provides a hinge between interpretation and application.

Three parts:

1. Summary of Passage
2. Core Message
3. Compelling Implication Statement

1. Summary of Passage – A short paragraph that captures the feel and flow of a passage, expanding or synthesizing the truth of the passage. It captures the drama of the text and what that text reveals about God or Jesus or the life of faith.

Example from Mark 4:35-41 - After a full day of teaching, Jesus asks the disciples to row across the lake. A huge storm hits and the disciples were sent into the first crisis of the passage, "Are we gonna die?!" To make matters worse, Jesus sleeps through the emergency. After waking him, he commands the wind and the sea to be still and they obey him! Jesus' handling of the situation sends them into the second crisis of the passage, "Who then is this?!"

2. Core Message – The "heartbeat" of the passage, the main point, the reason the author included this passage in his book.

Example from Mark 4:35-41 - Jesus is more than the disciples expected. He isn't just a teacher; he isn't just their friend. He is the creator of the whole universe. He stills the storm with a word!

3. Compelling Implication Statement – A succinct, punchy statement that has emotional weight and drives the point of the passage into our lives.

Example from Mark 4:35-41 – Yes, Jesus can bring calm to storms in our lives, but sometimes he takes us into storms because he wants to reveal more of himself to us!

Practice Writing a Compelling Summary –

Summary of Passage

Core Message

Compelling Implication Statement

Adjusting Compelling Summary for a group' experience –

Importance of good prep –

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