Ideas for Engaging with Scripture

Know the context.
Before you read a passage, make sure you know where it is coming from.

Was it written before or after Christ came to Earth? Who was it written by? To whom was it written? Why was it written? During the period in which it was written, what else was happening in the world?

Use your Bible or Internet resources to locate the information.

Digging Deeper: Engaging with the Word of God

1. Read and read again.
2. Mark and highlight.
3. Look up word definitions.
4. Search for patterns.
5. Substitute your name for personal pronouns.
7. Use the Journible Method.
8. Connect words.
9. Look for repeated words, phrases, or ideas.
11. Look for key words.
12. Make a list.
13. Ask questions.
15. Use resources.
16. Rephrase the Scripture using your own words.
17. Write about it. Start a Scripture journal.
18. Look for things that please God.
19. Make application to your daily life.
20. Discuss and share.
21. Locate if/then relationships.
22. Identify imagery and symbols.
23. Look for gospel principles illustrated by people, places, or events.
24. Draw a picture.
25. Connect to a hymn or song.
26. Find supporting Scripture.
27. Memorize it.
28. Look for cause and effect.
29. Look for strategies on how to overcome attacks of Satan.
30. Summarize.
31. If there is a “therefore,” ask what it’s there for.
32. Verse Map.