

# A Way of Encountering Scripture (AWES)

## INVITATION TO RESPOND

- How does the text inspire and/or challenge me today?
- How does the Catholic Tradition inspire and/or challenge me to respond?
- What actions could support your response?

## THE SCRIPTURE TEXT

Close and considered readings of the text.

- Characters
- Setting
- Events
- Geography
- Customs

## THE WORLD OF THE AUTHOR

### Historical

- Who do we think wrote this text?
- Who do we think it was written for?
- How might the time and context (cultural, geographical, political, social, religious) have influenced the author/s?

### Literary

- How might the literary genre influence your reading?
- Do the passages before and after add further insight?
- Do you recognise any literary features or techniques (metaphors, imagery, symbolism)?
- Does figurative language in the passage invite you to understand it differently? More deeply? Symbolically?

## UNLOCKING THE MESSAGE

- What message do you think the author wanted to give their original audience?
- What could a contemporary audience take away from this text?