

## Perspectives

- Step 1. Read the text.
- Step 2. Reflect on the following questions:
  - a. What is going on?
  - b. Who is involved?
  - c. What do those who are involved want?
- Step 3. Share your answers to the questions.
- Step 4. Put the passage in context. Read a Bible commentary to answer the following:
  - a. What is the historical situation?
  - b. What is the author's intention?
  - c. What is the larger context for the passage?
  - d. Who was the original audience for the passage?
  - e. What are the main ideas of the passage?
- Step 5. Compare the context with the answers to the first series of questions:
  - a. How much of what you said is your own concern brought to this passage?
  - b. How much are the different perspectives in the group colored by each person's concerns?
  - c. What do the passage and the commentary say to you about those concerns?