

Ransacking Questions:

- Look for...
 - Things that are emphasized
 - Amount of space used talking about that thing
 - Stated purpose
 - Order
 - Movement from lesser to greater (and vice versa)
 - Things that are repeated
 - Terms, phrases, clauses
 - Characters
 - Incidents are circumstances
 - Patterns
 - New Testament use of Old Testament passages
 - Things are related
 - Movements from general to specific
 - Questions and answers
 - Cause and effect
 - Progression, climax, and movement
 - Things that are alike and unlike
 - Similes and metaphors
 - Use of 'but'
 - Irony
- Questions to ask...
 - What genre is this?
 - Exposition
 - Narrative and biography
 - Parables
 - Poetry
 - Proverbs and wisdom literature
 - Prophecy and apocalyptic
 - What is the context?
 - Literary context
 - Historical context
 - Cultural context
 - Geographical context
 - Theological context
 - What is at the top of the author's mind?
 - What is the main idea of the book?
 - What is the structure of the book?
 - What argument is the author making? What does he use to support this argument?
 - What impressions does the book leave you with?
- Application questions...
 - Is there an example for me to follow?

- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a prayer to repeat?
- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a condition to meet?
- Is there a verse to memorize?
- Is there an error to make?
- Is there a challenge to face?