

SOAP

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

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Pray, asking God for guidance through His Word and to get rid of other distractions.

Read the passage / chapter and find the one thing that you ponder on or jumps off the page as you read.

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S: SCRIPTURE: *Which scripture(s) stuck out to you most? Write it down. Feel free to make it a work of art.*

O: OBSERVATION: *What you think about the verse? What does God seem to be revealing through it? Do any words stand out? Look them up in original Greek or Hebrew. Cross reference scriptures of similar topic to get an overview of the passage. Who is the author addressing? What is the cultural context? Who is the passage about?*

A: APPLICATION: *How do you apply this little truth to your life? Are there any areas in your life that do not align with the scripture and need to change? Have you seen growth in any areas?*

P: PRAYER: *Write a prayer asking how to implement this verse in your life. Pray for others who may be dealing with a similar issue. Praise God for his blessings and opening your eyes to his truths.*

SOAP Bible Study Plan

S

Scripture

Take today's Bible reading, pray over it and then read through slowly. God will direct your attention to certain verses or sections. Write these down in your journal and focus your study there.

O

Observe

What is God showing you in this passage? Jot down in your journal any words or events that stand out. Are there any truths God wants you to learn? Warnings? Commands? Guiding principles? Record those in your journal. Now what is the overall message God has for you in this passage?

A

Apply

Now it's time to get personal. How does this affect your life? Does God have instruction for you today? Encouragement? Correction? Write down in your journal God's personal message to you.

P

Pray

Prayer is a two-way conversation with God. You may find that as you pray over what God has shown you, He will reveal even more that He is wanting to show. Be listening and journal your prayers!

WHY S.O.A.P.?

It's one thing to simply read scripture, but **when you interact with it, when you learn to slow down to REALLY read it, suddenly words start popping off the page.** By SOAPing your verses you are able to dig deeper into scripture and "see" more than if you simply read the verses and then went on your merry way. Let me encourage you to take the time to S.O.A.P. the daily verses and see for yourself how much more you get out of your daily reading... you'll be amazed.

WHAT DOES S.O.A.P. MEAN?

S– The S stands for Scripture- you physically write out the scripture.....you'll be amazed that what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading!

O– The O stands for observation- what do you see in the verses that you're reading? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you?

A– The A stands for Application- this is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P– And finally P stands for Prayer. Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

Studying God's Word like this can take as little or as long as you have time to give. Some days it can take just 10 or 15 minutes, other days longer.