

## S.O.A.P. BIBLE STUDY METHOD



The SOAP Bible Study Method is a simple and effective way to study the Word.

Here is a quick breakdown of this method. It is suggested that you use a journal or notebook, alongside your Bible, for daily study and reflection.



## *S.* Scripture

*While studying a book of the Bible, a specific passage, or a certain topic, write down a few key verses that stood out to you. It helps our ability to comprehend the meaning of a passage when we have to re-write the Word. Take a few minutes to re-read the verses you wrote, as well as to meditate on what it could mean, before moving on to Observation, Application and Prayer.*

## *O.* Observation

*Write down what you observed about the scripture. Spend some time thinking through each of the following questions:*

*What is the overall theme of this Scripture?*

*Who are the key people in the Scripture?*

*What actions are they taking?*

*What are the results of those actions?*

*What is the central lesson God is trying to teach me through this Scripture?*

*This is the part of the Bible Study where you stop and think about what is God trying to teach you through His Word.*

*If you desire, it can be helpful to use a study bible and/or a concordance to cross-reference verses and gain further insight on the Word.*



## A. Application

*Write down how you can apply what is being taught in these verses to your own life.  
What is God showing you about yourself in these Scriptures?*

- *Is He showing you an area you need to work on, such as pride, anger or jealousy?*
- *Is He leading you to begin something new, such as starting a ministry, changing careers or just being bolder in your faith?*
  - *Is He asking you to stop or give up something?*
- *Is he convicting you about a relationship that needs mending?*
  - *Is He encouraging you in some way?*

## P. Prayer

*Always end by writing/journaling a prayer to God. Write about what God has shown you through His Word. Pray specifically for the help to obey the things He has asked you to do today and for the strength to daily obey His leading and direction for your life.*

*Give thanks to the Lord for what He has shown you through His Word.*