

SOAP PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY INSTRUCTIONS

We are going to dive into the Bible together with a practice called SOAP. This stands for **S**cripture, **O**bervation, **A**pplication, and **P**rayer.

→ Select a Bible passage you want to read and study. Read it out loud to yourself. Now read it quietly and think about the passage and see if there's a specific portion of the passage that speaks or stands out to you. Write the verse(s) out on the lines by the **(S)**.

→ Now looking at what you just wrote down, think about what the verse means. Are there any words or short phrases that stand out? Is there a clear theme? Who is writing and to whom are they writing? What is the main take-away from this verse for you? Write this on the lines by the **(O)**.

→ Thinking about this verse and the observations you have made, in what ways can you apply the verse to your life? How do you put it into practice this week? Write how you can apply this verse on the lines by the **(A)**.

→ Say a prayer and ask God to help you apply what you have learned. You can also pray for God to help you better understand the verse and show you even more ways this verse can be applied to your life. Write out the things you want to pray about on the lines by the **(P)**.

The SOAP outline is available at the bottom of the DISCUSSION GUIDE page each week. Use the Bible passages listed on the top of the SERMON NOTES page to get you started.

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