

SOAP BIBLE STUDY

SCRIPTURE, OBSERVATION, APPLICATION, PRAYER

Scripture

- Read a passage from a Bible study reading plan. YouVersion app or Bible.com plans are a great starting point.
- Pick one verse that really speaks to you from your Bible reading.
- Write the verse by hand or retype the verse. (Don't cut and paste if you're using a smart phone or computer.) This will get the verse into your heart and mind better.
- Rewrite the verse in your own words.

Observation

- What does the passage mean? Ask: Who? What? When? Where? Why?
- A good way to get at a verse's or passage's meaning is to apply these three questions:
 - What does it say about God?
 - What does it say about people?
 - What does it say about the relationship between God and people?
- What words stand out in the passage? What words, if any, are used repeatedly in the passage?
- Write a one- or two-sentence observation about the passage or verse.

Application

- Write a one or two-sentence application from that verse.
- Questions to ask of the verse or passage to help with the application:
 - Is there:**
 - A command to obey?
 - A promise to claim?
 - A sin to avoid?
 - An application to make?

Prayer

- Write a one or two sentence prayer to God in response to this Scripture. Connect your prayer to your application of the passage.
- Listen to God. Listen for answers along these lines:
 - What is God saying to me?
 - Telling me about himself?
 - About myself?
 - About our relationship?
 - About what I should do?
- Write down what you feel God is saying to you.