

# SOAP STUDY

## DAILY BIBLE READING AND SOAP STUDY

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness” - 2 Timothy 3:16*

God has given us the Bible as a primary tool for our spiritual growth. Studying the Bible is more than just gaining information. The Bible is alive and we grow into the likeness of Jesus when we spend time hearing from God and responding to Him. The SOAP study method is a simple, yet powerful, tool to help guide you into deeper understanding and life application of the Bible.

### S - SCRIPTURE

As you read the passage for the day, ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to highlight one verse for you. Write it out.

### O - OBSERVATION

As you look at the verse you wrote down, consider the context and make some observations: What is going on in this passage? What comes before and after this verse? How do these observations help you understand this verse?

### A - APPLICATION

How does it apply to your life right now? Where is it challenging you? How does it encourage you? How will your life be different as you live out this verse? Be specific.

### P - PRAYER

Ask Jesus, “In light of this verse, what would you have me do, confess, or give thanks for?” Write out your prayer.

Each week we will provide suggested daily readings for your personal study time. SOAP pages are provided for you to record the ways God is speaking to you. These pages can be used to deepen your study of any passage you choose to read.

## RESOURCES TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

Here are a few suggestions to help deepen your understanding of the Bible as you read:

### Finding the Right Bible

There are many excellent translations of the Bible available today. Make sure you have a translation that is best suited for your reading and study. Study Bibles provide notes to help you understand what you are reading. Talk to your Life Group leader or one of the pastors for suggestions of translations and study Bibles.

### Bible apps

Bible apps like *YouVersion* or *BibleGateway.com* can help you locate verses and compare translations.

### The BibleProject.com

These are free videos that you can watch online to give you background and understanding as you read different books of the Bible.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY

*“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”*  
- Psalm 119:11

Reading and studying God’s word is essential. But the lasting impact of our study comes from memorizing scripture so that we are able to utilize it whenever it is needed. As you go through your SOAP study each week select a verse to memorize. Ask your Life Group, family, or friends to join you in memorizing Scripture.

There are many great smartphone apps that you can use to memorize and review your memory verses. Here are a couple of suggestions of some of the popular Bible memory apps.

***The Bible Memory App***—previously called *Scripture Typer*  
*The Bible Memory App* is a complete, all-inclusive, Bible memory system that equips you to easily memorize, store, and review verses.

### Verses

*Verses* is a simple app offering multiple tools for memorization. It feels like a game as you achieve new levels and unlock new scriptures.

If you are not comfortable using a smartphone for your memorization you can make your own verse cards.

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