

S.O.A.P Bible Study Method

S - Scripture

To start, choose a verse or passage from the Bible that you want to study. Once you have a verse or section of verses, read it carefully and try not to skim over any familiar words. Next, write it out in your preferred translation.

Notes to Make

1. Jot down keywords or repeated words.
2. Are there transitional or contrasting words?
3. Look at cross-references

SOAP is an inductive method of Bible study that structures and simplifies the four critical areas of Bible study: God's living word, our engagement with His word, His word lived out in our lives, and our communion with the living God of the word.

O - Observation

After thoroughly reading and writing out your chosen verse, take a moment to write down everything you observe. This is where you'll use the keywords, repetition, and context to help you understand what the verse is saying.

A - Application

Now that you understand the verse well, it's time to apply it to your life. This is where you make it personal and relevant to your current circumstances.

Notes to Make

1. Who is speaking/ writing this and who is their audience?
2. What is the main idea?
3. Is there a reoccurring theme?
4. What does this reveal about God. His character or His desire for humanity?

P - PRAYER

As you wrap up your time studying and reflecting on the verse, bring it before God in prayer. Prayer is a powerful way to solidify your understanding and commitment to applying the Scripture daily. It is also a time to thank God for the wisdom and guidance provided by His word. Ask Him to help you apply this verse to your life and for His strength as you seek to live it out. Pray for any specific areas in your life where this verse may have highlighted a need for growth or change.

