



## SOAP *Study process*

SOAP is a method of studying God's Word.

SCRIPTURE | OBSERVATION | APPLICATION | PRAYER



SCRIPTURE



OBSERVATION



APPLICATION



PRAYER

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**SCRIPTURE** | Read out loud the assigned passage(s) of Scripture at least two times. One person reads, and then the next person, until the passage is completed. Or, have two people read the entire passage from different written versions.

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**OBSERVATION** | Observe the text in silence. Write down your insights in a notebook. Look for repetitive words or phrases. What questions does the text raise? Ask yourself: "Who is the audience?" "What is the context?" "What do you think God is saying to you?" Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and to reveal truth. Make as many observations as you possibly can about the passage and write them down.

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**APPLICATION** | Next, discuss the observations each of you made and how to apply the teaching of the passage to your everyday lives. I know what you're thinking: "Really? It's that easy?" Yes, it is. No Bible scholars here, folks; just some good, honest, "Here's what I see."

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**PRAYER** | Close with prayer. Pray that you would apply what you learned, and that God would use your lives to share the amazing hope of the Gospel – or something like that. Amen!

*Examples of how SOAP can be run, times may vary.*