



## The SOAP Method:

*..A simple tool for effective bible study.*

Studying God's word can seem like a pretty tedious task, but with the SOAP method you'll discover just how fruitful and fulfilling it can be!

### Scripture

Read out today's passage of scripture a few times in your preferred bible translations.

Next, rewrite the verses in your own words. Make it as concise and accurate as you can as this will really help with your comprehension of the text.

BONUS: Memorize a verse from the passage. Pick out the one that grabs your attention the most, or the one that you are least familiar with.

### Observations

Ask questions and dig deeper into the text.

Who is the author and audience? What does the passage say and why is it important? How does this fit in with the rest of the bible?

Pay particular attention to the tone and style of writing.

Is there any repetition or references to other parts of the bible? What is the key message, theme or point being illustrated here?

BONUS: Consult a reliable commentary for further insight on the context, meaning and purpose of the text.

### Applications

Make it personal, practical, achievable and measurable.

What is God saying to me through his word and how can I apply this today? Do I need to make any changes or take any action?

Challenge yourself and dare to walk in the light of God's word!

### Prayer

Pray to God about what you've read and any convictions you've received. Thank Him for speaking to you, and ask for the strength to live out what you've learnt, and a strong desire to continually abide in his word.