

SOAP Bible Study Method

Date:

Opening Prayer: Dear Father, open our hearts and minds to your Word. Send your Holy Spirit to help us grow in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with you and others. Amen!

Scripture:

Read the passage. What captures your imagination? Highlight or underline important words or phrases. Write them below.

Observations:

Who is the author of this book?

When written:

Where written:

Why written:

To whom was it written:

Who are the characters?

What happens?

What delights or comforts me?

What confuses or challenges me?

What do I learn about God or myself?

Application:

Did this passage contain an example to follow, a warning to heed, a promise to claim? What was it and how does it apply to my life at home, work, school, or church?

Look for words of **instruction**. What is the example to follow? What is the warning to heed?

Look for something to **thank** God for. How has God blessed you? What is the Good News? What is the promise(s) to claim?

What word or phrase leads you to **confess** your sin?

Look for words of **application**. How does God's Word apply to your life? What does God require of you or call on you to be or do? What are you going to do next?

Prayer:

Use your answers above to form your prayer. What is the Holy Spirit leading you to pray for, whether for someone else, for living out what you have heard from God in the Scripture, or just being with God?

Adoration—Father in heaven, you are ...

Confession—Jesus, we are sorry for ...

Thankfulness—Gracious God, we are thankful for ...

Supplication—Holy Spirit, we ask ...

Lord, not my will, but your will be done ... **Amen!**