

SOAP

We believe that God speaks through our lives as an overflow of our personal relationship with Him. Many people lack a framework for spending time in God's Word daily, and we encourage you to prioritize this practice. While there isn't just one way to do it, you need to find "a" way that works for you. The SOAP format is one such method. Remember, God wants to speak to you and through you.

SCRIPTURE

Start by writing down the scripture reference(s) you plan to use for your time with the Lord. Don't feel pressured to determine an ending verse until after you've read. The goal of this time isn't just to finish a chapter; it's to hear from God by spending time in His Word.

For example: John 1:1–?

OBSERVATION

As you read the text, ask yourself: What is God saying to you? Is there a verse that stands out?

When you're in the Word, God is speaking—His Word is active and alive. Listen closely and take time to write down your observations. If a particular verse catches your attention, note it and consider why. For every passage, reflect on these two key questions: What does this say about God? What does this say about humans?

APPLICATION

Take time to write down any next steps or applications that God is speaking to you about in your own life. This could also include something to share with someone else for their encouragement.

PRAYER

Take time to ask God for help in applying what you've heard. Ask Him for the faith and courage to be obedient to what He has spoken to you about. Writing out your prayer can help you slow down and spend quality time with God. Be prepared to share with others what God has been revealing to you.