

S.O.A.P bible study journal



As followers of Jesus, we learn how hear what He wants to teach us, and obey what He commands us, by reading the bible. *“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* John 8:31-32 Bible study should include learning truth, and obeying truth. Here is a simple bible study method that can help in your bible study.

S- Begin by writing a small S, at the top left of your journal. The S, stands for scripture. Beside the S, write out the scripture reference that you are reading. After reading the passage also try to add a thought in your own words, that summarizes what is in the passage.

O- on the next line write a small O, which stands for observation. An **Observation** is what you observe in the passage. We want to know what God is SAYING in this passage. Jot down some key things you observe from the (context) verses before, after and around the passage, in order to learn what God is saying.

A-On the next line write a small A, which stands for **Application**. An application is how you plan to apply and obey, what God is saying in the passage. Write out how you will plan to do this.

P-On the next line write a small P, which stands for **Prayer**. It is important to pray and ask God to give you the power to obey what He is saying in the passage. Write out this prayer.

By recording in your s.o.a.p journal you will know what God is teaching you to do, by having 1 observation, and 1 application for what you read in bible study. (see example of completed s.o.a.p journal on next page.)



S. 2 Timothy 3:10-17 "we must stay true to God's word, even when others don't."

O. It will be difficult to follow Jesus in the world. (v.1) Because evil and deception will only get worse. (v.13) However we should "continue" in the word of God, which we have learned and become convinced of. (v.14) God's word gives wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ. It also provides teaching, correction, and training so that we can be equipped for every good work. (v.15-16)

(Many will reject God's truth, but we must hold to it)

A. I will read and memorize God's word, so that I can stay rooted in Jesus Christ even when my friends and teammates aren't.

P. Father please help me to start memorizing Scripture. I want to follow your word this week because I know it provides all that I need to be equipped to live for you. Through Jesus I pray - Amen