

SOAP Bible study tool

SCRIPTURE

OBSERVATION

APPLICATION

PRAYER

Scripture

Prayerfully, say or write today's scripture. Do it, again, in your own words. Look deeper. Consider word meaning and historical context. Look at other versions or refer to concordances or other teachings. Ask God what He wants to say to you, through scripture, today.

Observation

How might Jesus bring you closer to Himself through this Bible passage? What is He speaking in your heart? Is there an example or warning, a hope, a promise, a lesson? Who does Jesus want to be for you, through this lesson? Write down your observations.

Application

How can you apply today's truths to become more like Christ? How could your life change as a result of your obedience? Write down action steps for this transformation. Be specific and concrete.

Prayer

Write a prayer that includes the scripture, observations and application for the day. Pray this prayer, then act on it right away.

Begin by asking God to help you read, understand, pray and obey His Word, the Bible.

THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD.

Ask God to help you read and understand the Bible each day, becoming more tenderhearted and obedient to Him as you do. Obey God as He prompts you to new levels of intimacy through humble obedience. The Word is a solid foundation for life. Jesus said to listen and obey Him, **because obedience to God's Word builds one's house upon the Rock** (Matthew 7:24-27). God does not promise an easy life. But, we can weather its storms by listening to God and obeying His Word.

