

SOAP BIBLE STUDY METHOD

Journaling is one of the best ways to process, record and protect the things God is speaking to us (Cf. Mark 4:24, 25). Think of a journal as a treasure chest where we store up the priceless revelations God is giving us. Wayne Cordeiro outlines the SOAP method for journaling through the Bible.

SCRIPTURE: As you read a passage of Scripture, take time to let God speak. Do not try to speed through the text but learn to listen as you read. Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice” (Cf. John 10:27). Listen with expectation!

OBSERVATION: Ask Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Ask Him what He is saying and write down the part of Scripture that stands out to you. Write any impressions that come as you read the text.

APPLICATION: It is important to personalize what you have read. How does this apply to your life in this time? What encouragement, lesson, instruction, correction or revelation is there for you? Write out how this applies to you right now.

PRAYER: Of course, prayer is happening throughout this entire process. But now, take special time to really focus and ask God to give more illumination and revelation on this Scripture. Don’t hurry; listen. Remember, prayer involves two-way communication. Write down the things you sense He is saying.

God speaks in other ways as well—impressions from the Holy Spirit, dreams, visions, prophetic words or divinely ordered circumstances. It is important to write these down to remember what God is speaking.

Journaling shows the high regard we have for the things God is saying to us and makes a statement of faith that says: We believe God speaks. We will listen carefully to Him. We will treasure His every word and will carefully obey everything He says.