

A Simple Way to Study the Bible

S.O.A.P. is a method of Bible reading and journaling. It can be used with any daily Bible reading plan, and can allow you to add more study time in addition to the Rock Bridge Devotional. Find bible study plans at www.rockbridge.cc/timewithgod

S for Scripture

Open your Bible to a specific passage or selection. Read slowly and ask God to speak to you through the words. God will direct your attention to certain verses or sections. Write these down in your journal and focus your study there.

O for Observation

What struck you and caught your attention? What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Are there any truths God wants you to learn? Warnings or principles? Write these in your journal. What is the overall message God has for you in this passage?

A for Application

Personalize what you have read, by asking how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or correction for an area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P for Prayer

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out a prayer to God.