

# S.O.A.P Study Tips

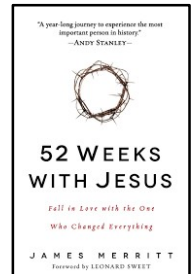


**Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you, as we are students together!**

**Jesus said to his disciples,** “But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”

John 14:26

While reading the ‘52 Weeks with Jesus’ book, it is encouraged to begin to keep a journal. By responding with a pen in-hand, your journal will become a good practice to record all that God is teaching you each day.



As you read, consider the S.O.A.P bible study method to reflect on God’s Word:

1. **S: Scripture:** As you read the scripture passage, which verse(s) stuck out to you the most? Write that verse down in your journal or notebook.
2. **O: Observation:** What is the overall message of the verse you wrote down? What does God seem to be revealing? Write out your personal observation.

Consider the scriptural context – Who is the author addressing? What is the cultural situation? Who is the scripture verse, passage, or chapter about? What is any fresh revelation or Truth to learn? Are there any warnings? Principles? Commands?

3. **A: Application:** How does this verse apply to your life today? Write down your thoughts on how this may appear in your daily living.

Consider -- How can you live differently in light of this Truth? Are there any areas of your life that do not align with the scripture and need to change? Have you seen growth in any areas? Are you being challenged to respond to others in a new way?

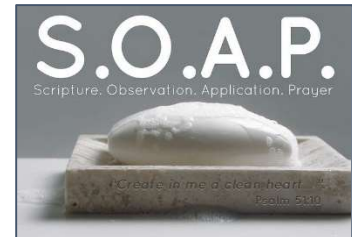
4. **P: Prayer:** Turn these thoughts into written prayer. Praise God for the blessing of His Word and revealing His Truth. Confess any condition of your heart, mind or body that may need forgiveness and healing. Ask the Lord to show you how to meditate on and apply this verse to your life. Pray for others who may be dealing with a similar circumstance or spiritual condition.

*\*The S.O.A.P method will be the basis for weekly email prompts (Mon-Fri) and group discussion.*

## **God's Word is living and active... (Hebrews 4:12) and so are you! Wherever you are, there is the meeting place!**

Each in their own way, create less of a checklist and create more in your relationship with God's Word providing opportunity with LOTS of creativity, flexibility & grace too.

- No right or wrong way to read and approach the Bible; *remember your teacher, the Holy Spirit.*
- No comparison zone – do not to look to the left or right; *except only to encourage others.*
- No fear of missing out in gaps or guilt of missing days; *expect to fall behind at times – just start again today.*



**Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Psalm 51:10**

**Prepare:** Consider the rhythm of your days and weeks to create a regular time and place to focus on your reading time and be creative with your morning, noon or evening.

**Protect:** Consider the boundaries that you will need to establish and be mindful to reduce distractions – if needed, turn off devices/TV, close the door and let things be unfinished.

**Prioritize:** Consider the choice to be intentional and try your best to honor this time to read and reflect and respond, even as daily demands and interruptions will shift the day.

**Pray:** Consider the support of others in the group especially in the power of prayer for each other as we remain accountable and participate together through God's Word.

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*"But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life" Jude 1:20-21a*

**Be real:** Only you can be you - a one-of-a kind design that is uniquely part of God's story.

**Be available:** Just keep showing up - knowing in our imperfections, God works perfectly.

**Be expectant:** Trust Him - something new and something fresh has already begun in you.



Remember, there is no better time than the present to be in His Presence.

**All's Grace!**

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