

ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP LESSON

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: SHINING BRIGHT FOR CHRIST

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER
YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE." JEREMIAH 29:11

S.O.A.P

S.O.A.P is a simple but helpful way to study the Bible and apply it to our own lives.

S.O.A.P stands for, **SCRIPTURE, OBSERVATION, APPLICATION AND PRAYER** and involves four simple steps.

S: SCRIPTURE

You physically write out the scripture. You'll be amazed what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading!

O: OBSERVATION

What do you notice about the verses? What do you think the main message is? What verses, words or ideas jump out to you? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words?

A: APPLICATION

Ask God how He wants you to apply the verse to your own life. This is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P: PRAYER

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

LET'S S.O.A.P TOGETHER

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PSALM 46:1-3

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The diagram illustrates the SOAP prayer journal template. It consists of four main sections arranged in a vertical flow:

- SCRIPTURE**: A box at the top with the question "What did you read?".
- OBSERVATION**: A box below Scripture with the question "What is God saying?".
- APPLICATION**: A box to the right of the Observation box with the question "What does this look like in my life?".
- PRAYER**: A box at the bottom with the prompt "Dear God...".

Vertical lines connect the boxes: a line from the bottom of the Scripture box to the top of the Observation box, and a line from the bottom of the Observation box to the top of the Prayer box. The Application box is positioned between the Observation and Prayer boxes, overlapping the right side of the Observation box.