

SOAP - a simple way to get more out of your time in God's Word

Create in me a clean heart... Psalm 51:10

S = Scripture

O= Observation

A= Application

P= Prayer

Psalm 19:12-13 Clean the slate, God, so we can start the day fresh! Keep me from stupid sins, from thinking I can take over your work; then I can start this day sun-washed, scrubbed clean of the grime of sin. These are the words in my mouth; these are what I chew on and pray. (MSG)

Ephesians 5:25-26 He gave up His life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's Word. (NLT)

1 Peter 2:1-3 So clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk. You've had a taste of God. Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God. (MSG)

How SOAP works -

Always begin with prayer. Ask God to reveal what He wants you/your group to know.

★ Scripture

In Groups: Take turns reading the verses out loud. Read them silently. On your own, you may also want to write or type the verses.

★ Observation

What do you notice about the verses? What stands out as important, special or significant? Reflect and express what the passage means to you.

★ Application

From your observation, what is the purpose of these verses? What spiritual lessons do you notice? How can you apply them to your past, present & future?

★ Prayer

Pray these verses back to God, inserting your name or the names of your loved ones where appropriate. Based on what you just learned, ask Him to help you apply this truth in your life. Journal your prayers, remembering to listen to what God may be saying to you personally.

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