

- (S) cripture** - Read the passage
- (O) bservation** - Make some observations about it
- (A) pplication** - What is the personal application?
- (P) rayer** - Write a prayer asking God to help you with this

Scripture:

Take the scripture for the day and read it through several times. Go over it slowly and ask the Holy Spirit to highlight something that He wants you to learn. Now write down the verse, or the main idea that the Lord is highlighting to you.

Observation:

1. What is the historical/contextual situation?
2. When was this passage written?
3. Who is speaking to whom?
4. Why was it written?
5. What genre (Narrative, Command, Poetry, Prophecy) is it?
6. What are the repeated phrases, arrangements?
7. What does the passage say about God, Jesus, Holy Spirit?
8. What does the passage say about the believer?
9. What is the theme or big idea?
10. What is/are the timeless truth(s)?
11. What do commentaries, study Bibles, etc say that add to my understanding of the passage?

Application: GOD SPA

1. **(G)rowth** - is there an area God is calling you to grow in?
2. **(O)bedience** - Is there an area where I am not obeying God?
3. **(D)irection** - Is there direction given through this passage?
4. **(S)in** - Is there a sin I should confess and turn from?
5. **(P)romise** - Is there a promise I can cling to?
6. **(A)ccountability** - Is there an area I need to be held accountable to grow/learn?

Prayer:

Bring it back to God. Write out a prayer asking Him to help you walk this out.

*SOAP is a concept that Wayne Cordeiro described in some of his book *Divine Mentor*. And the questions in observation and application were developed by Dr. David Stine in his book *Contact*.