

SOAKS

Soaking in the Word of God

- **Scripture**
Read the Text
- **Observation**
Examine the text and write down what you notice.
 - What jumps out to you in the passage?
 - Who is it written by? Who is it written to?
 - What's one thing you didn't notice before?
 - What seems interesting or unusual?
 - What comes before and after the text?
 - Is there repetition, comparison, or contrast?
 - **What does it teach you about God?**
 - **What does it teach about yourself?**
- **Application**
Apply God's Word to your life in a practical way.
 - 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 or a confession I need to make?
 - If it's an action, try to make it **SMART**: **s**pecific, **m** measurable, **a**ttainable, **r**ealistic, and **t**ime-bound.
- **Kneel in Prayer**
Pray God's Word back to Him and Respond to God's Word with your own words.
 - **Pray** that the seed (the Scripture you just studied) falls on good soil in your heart, so that it will take root and produce fruit.
 - **Praise** God for His attributes revealed in the passage.
 - **Confess** any sin that has come to light during this time of studying.
 - **Thank** Him for His Word and His care.
 - **Ask** the Holy Spirit to continue growing you into a disciple of Jesus.
- **Share what you have learned**
See how can you encourage someone else
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