

# SOAP

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

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Pray, asking God for guidance through His Word and to get rid of other distractions.

Read the passage / chapter and find the one thing that you ponder on or jumps off the page as you read.

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**S: SCRIPTURE:** Which scripture(s) stuck out to you most? Write it down. Feel free to make it a work of art.

**O: OBSERVATION:** What you think about the verse? What does God seem to be revealing through it? Do any words stand out? Look them up in original Greek or Hebrew. Cross reference scriptures of similar topic to get an overview of the passage. Who is the author addressing? What is the cultural context? Who is the passage about?

**A: APPLICATION:** How do you apply this little truth to your life? Are there any areas in your life that do not align with the scripture and need to change? Have you seen growth in any areas?

**P: PRAYER:** Write a prayer asking how to implement this verse in your life. Pray for others who may be dealing with a similar issue. Praise God for his blessings and opening your eyes to his truths.



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26 CHAPTERS WE KNOW AND LOVE

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*16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16*

### **Introduction**

John 3:16 illustrates a verse which is well known, a favorite of many people, its message is powerful in itself, and it is part of a familiar story. I've selected twenty-six chapters in the Bible for the Devotion Guide to start the new year which represent favorite stories, popular chapters or verses, and contain a message of wonderful truth. These were randomly selected and appear in no particular order. We will certainly not read every story, every chapter, or every verse that may come to mind. The possibility exists I might choose to do it again next month. We'll see.

I invite you to read this month with a desire to see the text with a new set of eyes. Be open to a new interpretation, new meaning, God speaking to you in a new way from a familiar story or chapter. It is always refreshing to experience the Word of God becoming new every day.

Most days it will be difficult to pick one or a few verses to write the devotion from or to not default to the most popular verse in the chapter. Some days that will happen and some it won't. As I have found since I began this writing journey in 2013, God is always faithful to guide me to the correct verse or verses for the day. I'm am confident He will continue.

As always, if you do not receive the daily email of the devotion I write, email me at [abeasley@jasperfirstumc.com](mailto:abeasley@jasperfirstumc.com) and I will add you to the list. You can also read it on Facebook. I encourage you to not just read, but process. One model to process the scripture is found on the back cover. Enjoy the familiar. Enjoy the journey. Enjoy the new ways God will speak to you. And pray.

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**Friday, January 1, 2021**

**Scripture - John 3  
Prayer**

**Saturday, January 2, 2021**

**Scripture - Romans 8  
Prayer**

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

**Reflect - on God's Word from this week  
Refuel - worship with the family of God  
Rest - your mind, body and soul**

**Monday, January 4, 2021**

**Scripture - Psalm 91  
Prayer**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

**Scripture - 1 Peter 1  
Prayer**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**Scripture - John 17  
Prayer**

**Thursday, January 7, 2021**

**Scripture - Exodus 20  
Prayer**

**Friday, January 8, 2021**

**Scripture - Luke 15**  
**Prayer**

**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

**Scripture - Joshua 1**  
**Prayer**

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**Reflect - on God's Word from this week**  
**Refuel - worship with the family of God**  
**Rest - your mind, body and soul**

**Monday, January 11, 2021**

**Scripture - Galatians 5**  
**Prayer**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**Scripture - 1 Corinthians 13**  
**Prayer**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

**Scripture - John 1**  
**Prayer**

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

**Scripture - Ephesians 4**  
**Prayer**

**Friday, January 15, 2021**

**Scripture - Matthew 28**  
**Prayer**

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

**Scripture - Acts 9**  
**Prayer**

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**Reflect - on God's Word from this week**  
**Refuel - worship with the family of God**  
**Rest - your mind, body and soul**

**Monday, January 18, 2021**

**Scripture - Acts 10**  
**Prayer**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

**Scripture - Genesis 22**  
**Prayer**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**Scripture - Hebrews 11**  
**Prayer**

**Thursday, January 21, 2021**

**Scripture - 2 Corinthians 4**  
**Prayer**

**Friday, January 22, 2021**

**Scripture - 1 John 3**  
**Prayer**

**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

**Scripture - Isaiah 53**  
**Prayer**

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**Reflect - on God's Word from this week**  
**Refuel - worship with the family of God**  
**Rest - your mind, body and soul**

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

**Scripture - Psalm 103**  
**Prayer**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

**Scripture - Philippians 4**  
**Prayer**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

**Scripture - Daniel 3**  
**Prayer**

**Thursday, January 28, 2021**

**Scripture - Ephesians 1**  
**Prayer**

**Friday, January 29, 2021**

**Scripture - Genesis 6**  
**Prayer**

**Saturday, January 30, 2021**

**Scripture - Revelation 4 & 5**  
**Prayer**

**Space for Reflection and Observation -**