

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

I want to encourage us to read through God's Word together. The Bible is God's unveiled revelation to us. It is in God's Word that the character and the will of God are revealed. God's Word is a "lamp" to our feet and a "light" to our path. In order to help us to not only be "hearers" of the Word but "doers of the Word"; we are suggesting that you find some method of recording and journaling what you read. Let me suggest a tool to help you as you invest time and set your mind on the truth of God's Word.

S.O.A.P

S = Scripture

Read your scripture then record the verses that God uses to speak to you specifically

O= Observation

What specifically is God saying to you? Rewrite the verse or verses in your own words. If you have questions, look in a commentary or other study help and bring those questions to your small group.

A = Application

Personalize the Word! Specifically ask God how His Word applies to your life. Is there a command? Is there a word of encouragement? Is there a promise? Is there a specific call to action? Record specifically what God would have you do in accordance to His Word. Share with your small group in order that they may help hold you accountable.

P = Prayer

God has spoken to you now speak to God asking Him to guide you in living out His Word. I encourage you to write out your prayer as you would an email or a text and save it as a reminder of God's Word to you and your surrender to Him. Your prayer may include confession, praise, and your commitment to obedience.

If you find it helpful, use the following template to record what God is saying to you through His Word this year. Print, copy, or convert to a digital file and record what God says to you this year! Scripture readings will be posted at Faithfestus.com and sent out weekly through your small group.

My personal Bible Reading SOAP:

Date: _____

Scripture Reference:

Scriptures:

Observations:

Applications:

Prayer:
