



SOAP Process for Fellowship Groups

SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) is a structured method of helping individuals and groups to process, journal, reflect on, and apply God's Word to their personal lives.

PLAN A #1 – GOD'S PLAN A

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SCRIPTURE: Read out loud the assigned passage(s) of Scripture two times. Allow God's Words to settle deeply into your heart and mind.

Jeremiah 1:4-10: ⁴The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." ⁶"Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." ⁷But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. ⁹Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

John 15:5,16: ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.... ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

OBSERVATION: Observe the text individually in silence. Write down your insights. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal truth to you.

Write down as many observations as you can about the passage(s).

- 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?

APPLICATION | Discuss the observations that each of you made and talk about how to apply the teaching to your everyday lives.

Have you settled for less than what God has in store for you? What steps will you take to follow God's will?

PRAYER | Close with prayer.

Ask God to give you a heart for the world, and to have the boldness to follow where He leads, regardless of where that is.