

GROUPS FELLOWSHIP

SOAP Process for Fellowship Groups

***SOAP** (**S**cripture, **O**bservation, **A**pplication, **P**ray) 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 #3 – THE SECRET TO FINDING GOD'S PLAN A **MAY 12, 2019**

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

Proverbs 2:1-11: ¹My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, ²turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, ³and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ⁴and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, ⁵then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. ⁶For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷He holds victory in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, ⁸for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones. ⁹Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. ¹⁰For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. ¹¹Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard 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.

"We become what we behold." Therefore, if you want to know God's best plan for your life, 1) read God's Word; 2) listen to godly counsel, and 3) pray.

PRAYER | Close with prayer.

Pray for illumination. Ask God to open your mind so you can understand His Word and apply it to your life. **Pray for wisdom.** Ask God to help you make good, God-honoring decisions. And **pray prayers God can't say 'no' to** – pray for things you already know are God's will for your life (an attitude of trust, and faith, and obedience, and humility, and teachability, and for His gospel to spread....).