



SOAP Process for Fellowship Groups

SOAP (**S**cripture, **O**bservation, **A**pplication, **P**rayer) is a structured method of helping individuals and groups to process, journal, reflect on, and apply God's Word to their personal lives.

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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.

Psalm 51: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge. ⁵Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb; You taught me wisdom in that secret place. ⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You. ¹⁴Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, You who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness. ¹⁵Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare Your praise. ¹⁶You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise. ¹⁸May it please You to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹Then You will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

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.

PRAAYER | Close with prayer.