



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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HEART FOR THE HOUSE

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

Psalms 122: ¹I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." ²Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. ³Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. ⁴That is where the tribes go up—the tribes of the Lord—to praise the name of the Lord according to the statute given to Israel. ⁵There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. ⁷May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." ⁸For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." ⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity.

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.

PRAYER | Close with prayer.