



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 #4 – (DIS)QUALIFIED FOR 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.

Matthew 4:18-20: ¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed Him.

Matthew 16:21-23: ²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²²Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to You!" ²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

John 18:8-11: ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He. If you are looking for Me, then let these men go." ⁹This happened so that the words He had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those You gave Me." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given Me?"

Matthew 26:69-75: ⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. ⁷¹Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" ⁷³After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." ⁷⁴Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Acts 2:14,41: ¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say...." ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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.

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