



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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GARDEN GNOMES, STUFFED DOGS, & THE POWER OF TRUST

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 115: ¹Not to us, Lord, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness. ²Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?" ³Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him. ⁴But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. ⁵They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. ⁶They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell. ⁷They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats. ⁸Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them. ⁹All you Israelites, trust in the Lord—He is their help and shield. ¹⁰House of Aaron, trust in the Lord—He is their help and shield. ¹¹You who fear Him, trust in the Lord—He is their help and shield. ¹²The Lord remembers us and will bless us: He will bless His people Israel, He will bless the house of Aaron, ¹³He will bless those who fear the Lord—small and great alike. ¹⁴May the Lord cause you to flourish, both you and your children. ¹⁵May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. ¹⁶The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth He has given to mankind. ¹⁷It is not the dead who praise the Lord, those who go down to the place of silence; ¹⁸it is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore. Praise the Lord.

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.