

John 6:35- Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Recap

1. Observe
 - a. What terms are used in the passage
 - b. What form of literature am I reading?
 - c. What is the atmosphere surrounding the author?
 - d. We must also ask, who? What? Where? When? Why?
 - e. What do I see?
 - f. What is the author trying to say?
2. Interpret
 - a. Content
 - b. Context
 - c. Culture
 - d. Comparison
 - e. Consultation
3. Apply
 - a. You can't really get to know the Word of God unless you apply it to your life.
 - b. Studying the Word of God can be dangerous if you merely study it without applying it.

James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

SOAP/Devotional method

1. S-Scripture
2. O-Observation
3. A-Application
4. P-Prayer

Step 1 – S is for Scripture

Pick a verse from your devotional time or one that stood out to you during a church service. You can even do two or three. Just don't go crazy. You want to keep this simple.

Write out the verse and reread the verse a few times slowly. Take your time in this step. There is no need to hurry.

Step 2 – O is for Observation

Observation is all about what stood out to you. Is there anything that stirred your faith? This is the time you want to start writing stuff down. Write down truths you feel God is wanting you to learn. They can be warnings, truths, principles, commands, and more.

**You can take this to the next level and use a Bible Dictionary, Bible Commentary or a Strong's Concordance. This is getting more advanced but the extra effort is very rewarding. I encourage you to at least try it once.*

Step 3 – A is for Application

Application is all about getting personal. It's time to ask is what you observed being applied to your life? If not how can you apply this truth to your life?

Write down practical ways you can apply what you learned and make the Word come alive in your life.

Step 4 – P is for Prayer

Consider the last three steps and talk to God about it! Tell Him how the verse impacted you and how you desire to apply His Word to your life. Ask Him for grace, wisdom, and strength so that you will be able to bring this change into your life!

Feel free to write the prayer out, or speak it out. There have been times when I do a combo of both.