

There are many ways to study the Bible, but the two simplest are:

1. Inductive Bible Study

Inductive Bible study involves three components, which often overlap in practice: **observation, interpretation, and application**. After you have learned the SOAP method in the coming weeks, we will go through each of these components so you can also start utilizing this tried-and-true approach to studying God's Word and be transformed!

2. SOAP Bible Study Method?

The SOAP Bible study method is a simple way to study the Bible. SOAP stands for **Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer**. It helps you not only read the Bible but also think about it and figure out how to use its teachings in your life.

The SOAP method of Bible Study is a simple, organized way to study the Bible that can be done individually or in a small group:

Scripture

S Read a short passage out loud or write it out. Some recommend writing out the verse to help you memorize it and focus your mind.

Observation

O Notice anything about the verses, such as repetition or commands. Consider what God might be trying to convey to you.

Application

A Take what you've learned from the verse and apply it to your life.

Prayer

P Pause to respond to God based on what you've learned. Some recommend keeping a journal to record your thoughts and help you remember lessons.

Today, we will be looking at

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV) So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Observation: Should create questions. By taking a good look at something, noticing the facts, and quantifying what is happening to make a statement or an event. Then, you are engaging in observation,

1. Jesus answered (what was he answering?) What happened before this?
2. He is speaking to His disciples. (Which also means he is speaking to every person who has accepted Him as Lord.)
3. I say to you. This is a command.
4. Jesus uses the "say" 3 times in this passage.
5. We have to FIGHT doubt
6. You will have what you say
7. We are to believe we will receive what we have asked for.

Our research will answer these questions and give us clarity, which will also bring transparency to what we are reading.

1. **What happened before this?** We need to go back to

Mark 11:12-14 (NKJV)

12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it.

Mark 11:20-21 (NKJV) Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "**Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.**"

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a) Now, do you see how this all came together?

2. **He is speaking to His disciples**, which also means he is speaking to every person who has accepted Him as Lord. The Christian disciple follower of Christ completely holds on to the teachings of Jesus, makes Christ his number-one priority, and lives accordingly.

a) Do you believe you are His Disciple?

3. **I say to you.** This is a command: giving an authoritative order. Here is the Promise to that command. **John 14:13-14 (NKJV)** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

1. Have you been asking in His name?

4. **Jesus uses the word "say"** three times. What does it mean to say? To utter, to speak words. We are to open our mouths.

Proverbs 18:20-21 (NKJV) A man's or woman's stomach (*life*) shall be satisfied from the fruit (*produce*) of *their* mouth, From the produce of his lips he shall be filled. 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Job 22:28 (NKJV): You will also declare (speak) a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.

5. **Do not doubt. We have to FIGHT doubt.** Doubt is a feeling of uncertainty or lack of conviction. When doubt, we step out of the faith realm and into the natural realm. The faith realm is where God works, and the natural realm is where the devil works.

James 1:6-8 (NKJV) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

6. **You will have what you say.** Lets be remind of what the Word God says. **John 14:13-14 (NKJV)** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

John 15:7 (NKJV) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 14 Now this is our confidence in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

7. We are to believe we will receive what we have asked for. The moment we asked in prayer.

John 20:29 (NKJV)

29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) For we walk by faith, not by sight.

We are challenged by God to live and regulate our lives by faith. By doing this, nothing is good is outside of reach.

Application

1. Have Faith in God
2. Understand that Prayer asking God is what He wants from you.
3. Fight DOUBT and UNBELIEF
4. Trust God's timing

Prayer

Prayer changes you because it is about listening to God, understanding Him, and trusting in His will rather than just getting what you want.

1. Use your faith when you pray. The faith God has given us is to be used and exercised. Faith is believing even when you do not see it.
2. Keep going to God for what you have asked in prayer with thanksgiving for what you have asked, even if you have not seen it physically. Have persistence in thanking God for the answer.
3. Don't let time cause you to waver.

Hebrews 6:12 (GW) Then, instead of being lazy, you will imitate those who are receiving the promises through faith and patience.

It's so easy to let time affect our prayers negatively but don't let time cause you to waver in your faith. Ephesians 6:13-14 (KJV) reminds us, "having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore. "No matter how long it takes, we must keep standing in faith.

When we walk in The Power of Persistent Faith in Prayer, it brings results. He wants us to be persistent!

4. Relentlessly declare the Word.

Declaring the Word and standing in faith. The cry of faith is not one of desperation but of determination. Desperation causes fear, and doubt. But determination voices faith. Even through tears, faith fearlessly declares, "I have it. I have it now!"