



## VISION, MISSION & VALUES

### MISSION

Wellspring's mission is built on the mission given by Jesus to his followers in Matthew 28:18-20. At Wellspring we simply say we exist to ignite a craving for Jesus by relentlessly loving our community.

### ENDLESS GROWTH VALUES

Knowing and following Jesus means that we are becoming more like him in character and action. We value the following practices, worded as questions, to help us become more and more like Jesus:

#### ▶ Engage with God

A question to ask yourself: How did I spend time with God this week?

#### ▶ Daily Surrender

A question to ask yourself: How can I pursue Christlikeness today?

#### ▶ Give of Yourself

A question to ask yourself: Does the giving of my time, treasures, and talents show love for God and people?

#### ▶ Pray for One

A question to ask yourself: Who am I helping to know Jesus?

#### ▶ Pursue Community

A question to ask yourself: Do I have a community that is encouraging to my faith?

### VISION

In the years ahead we envision our mission being fulfilled by passionate followers of Jesus, seeking the ONE and to expand the mission throughout Toms River and beyond through a movement of kindness, campuses, and planting new churches. In other words; passionate followers of Jesus building passionate churches!

# Onward!

## SERMON SERIES

# GO DEEPER SOAP GUIDE



September 26 - October 10

# S.O.A.P

## BIBLE STUDY METHOD

**SOAP** is easy to follow, easy to trim down to available time, and includes the life-changing piece of applying the Word to your life. Each letter in “SOAP” stands for one step of the process: **Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer.**

### ►Step 1: What passage of Scripture you will be studying

- Stick to a plan
- Be intentional in your reading, not haphazard.
- Read the passage several times in several different versions
- Using a study Bible can be extremely helpful in learning the context of the verses you’re reading. Study bibles have important facts of who wrote the verse, the time period and culture of that time period and may also include the author’s (of the study) personal thoughts. It’s important to form your own thoughts and perspective first and then use the authors in addition to or to help gain a different perspective.
- Choose one to three verses that are particularly meaningful to you and write them out.

### ►Step 2: Observation - *What does the passage say?*

- Who wrote this passage?
- To whom is this passage written?
- What is the message of these verses?
- What words or phrases stand out to me?
- Do these verses remind me of any other verses or passages of Scripture?
- Was this written before or after Jesus lived? Before or after the resurrection?

### ►Step 3: Application - *How do I apply this to my life?*

- Ask “what is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this passage?” Think about your words, your behavior, your relationships, your job, your family. Nothing should be off-limits to the Holy Spirit.
- Ask yourself, “How should my life change because of what I’ve read and learned today?”
- Focus on just one or two
- Take note and write down those action steps

### ►Step 4: Prayer

- Pray for wisdom and a heart to learn
- Pray over what you read today
- Pray about the actions steps you’ve written down
- Utilize a tool like the **A.C.T.S. METHOD:**  
**ADORATION:** The first element of prayer should be adoration, or praise. Tell God what you adore about Him and His character.

**CONFESSION:** We all fall short of God’s perfect character. Daily, as we reflect upon the previous day or the current day, we have room to confess sin to our perfect, forgiving and holy God.

**THANKS:** Give thanks in all circumstances and at all times. It is important to take a moment to thank God as we reflect upon each of our days. Where is God showing you common grace and mercy in your day to day life?

**SUPPLICATION:** Or said differently, petition. This is where we bring our requests to God. Here we bring Him our needs and the needs of others. This is where we Pray for One, praying by name for those that don’t know Jesus and for opportunities to share the love of Jesus.

### EXAMPLE

Using **Psalms 19** as our text, I’ll walk you through an example of what you might write as you go through the **SOAP Bible Study Method.**

#### ►Scripture

- Verse 14: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock, and my Redeemer.
- Verse 14 paraphrase: O LORD, You are my Rock and my Redeemer. Help me to always say and think things that will honor and please you.

#### ►Observation

- The psalmist, David, wrote this as a hymn of praise to God.
- In verse 14, he is praying to the LORD, asking that he would always make choices with his mind, heart, and tongue that are pleasing to the LORD.

#### ►Application

- I know that if I think about the Word and speak about Jesus, my words and thoughts will be acceptable. But I cannot do that all day.
- I will need to be more conscious of what I am thinking, and what I am saying.
- Specifically, when gossiping starts at work, I will walk away or speak up – speaking up is preferable, but not always possible.
- Also, I will post verses in my cubicle so that I have uplifting and God-honoring thoughts to think of while I’m working.

#### ►Prayer

- Lord Jesus, help me to fill my mind with Your Word so that what comes out of my mouth will be God-pleasing words. Give me the courage to speak up for those being spoken against when gossiping starts at work.

# Week 1

## Onward! SOAP Devotional

### Sermon Passage: Acts 13:1-5

*Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.*

### Day 1 Read Acts 13

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

### Day 2 Read Genesis 12

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

**Day 3** Read John 20

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

**Day 4** Read Acts 6

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

**Day 5** Read Matt. 28

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

# Week 2

## Onward! SOAP Devotional

**Sermon Passage: Acts 14:19-23**

*But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*

**Day 1** Read Acts 14

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

## Day 2 Read Acts 20

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

## Day 3 Read Titus 1

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

**Day 4** Read 2 Cor. 4

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

**Day 5** Read 2 Cor. 11

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

# Week 3

## Onward! SOAP Devotional

### Sermon Passage: 1 Cor. 3:1-9

*But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?*

*What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.*

### Day 1 1 Cor. 3

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

### Day 2 Read Heb. 5

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.



**Day 3** Read Rom. 13

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

**Day 4** Read James 1

**Scripture:** What verses are you focusing in on from the passage?

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on pgs 1 & 2)

**Application:** How does this passage apply to my life?

**Prayer:** After praying, write down a short recap of your prayer.

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