

SERMON SERIES 5

# Open Table

# GO DEEPER SOAP GUIDE

June 12 - June 26

2022



# 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 **ACTS 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.

# Verses

## Open Table SOAP Devotional

There is nothing like dinner with friends. What about a dinner you don't want to be at? What about people you don't want to be around? Who are you willing to invite to your table? Who wouldn't you invite? Let's look at a dinner party Jesus had with some of the religious elite and consider how to better have dinner parties like Jesus!

### Week One

- Sunday's Sermon // Luke 14:1-6
- Day 1 Luke 14:1- 6
- Day 2 Matthew 12:9-14
- Day 3 Mark 16:14-20
- Day 4 Philemon 1:1-7
- Day 5 1 Peter 3:13-22

### Week Two

- Sunday's Sermon // Luke 14:7-14
- Day 1 Luke 14:7-14
- Day 2 Proverbs 25:1-7
- Day 3 Philippians 2:5-11
- Day 4 Luke 20:41-47
- Day 5 1 Corinthians 4:1-7

### Week Three

- Sunday's Sermon // Luke 14:15-24
- Day 1 Luke 14:15-24
- Day 2 Matthew 23:1-15
- Day 3 James 4:1-10
- Day 4 Luke 16:1-13
- Day 5 Psalm 23

# Week 1

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June 12 // Luke 14:1-6

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Luke 14:1-6**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

**Day 2****Read Matthew 12:9-14**

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

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

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**Day 3****Read Mark 16:14-20**

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**Day 4****Read Philemon 1:1-7**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

**Day 5****Read 1 Peter 3:13-22**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

# Week 2

Open Table SOAP Devotional

June 19 // Luke 14:7-14

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Luke 14:7-14**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

**Day 2****Read Proverbs 25:1-7**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

**Day 3****Read Phillipians 2:5-11**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

**Day 4****Read Luke 20:41-47**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

**Day 5****Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-7**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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



# Week 3

Open Table SOAP Devotional

June 26 // Luke 14:15-24

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Luke 14:15-24**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

**Day 2****Read Matthew 23:1-15**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

**Day 3****Read James 4:1-10**

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

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

**In light of this I will:**

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**Day 4****Read Luke 16:1-13**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

**Day 5****Read Psalm 23**

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

**Observations:** What are some observations (using questions provided on the first 2 pages)

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

**In light of this I will:**

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

# Wellspring and the Southern Cone Initiative



## God is Moving!

In April, a group of 6 Wellspring leaders went on a survey trip to the Southern Cone of Brazil to meet with teams of developing leaders and spend time with 2 church-planting teams and their core groups: Rafa in Florianópolis and Diego in Criciúma. They came away with clarity on how to engage ministry opportunities in State of Santa Catarina over the next 3-5 years:

- Financially invest in Florianópolis
- Develop key leaders
- Engage with church plants in Santa Catarina
- Future missions trips filtered through our Life Groups
- A monthly prayer meeting via Zoom with Converge

## Please pray for:

- Rafa & Florianópolis
- Jonathan
- Diego & Aviva Church
- Future missions trips
- Balance of support in our local community as well as in Brazil

## Give!

If led, you can donate to our missions fund which can be selected as an option when giving online, or you can scan the QR code below. This money will be going towards the region we are partnered with in the Southern Cone Initiative, other local Toms River missions we are partnered with, and to help send future groups to Brazil. THANK YOU!



# GO DEEPER TOOLS

## RightNow Media Studies:

### “B.L.E.S.S. – How to Create a Missional Culture”

Jesus gave the Church a mission but we often fall short of living it out in our local churches. Dave Ferguson shares how his church mobilized its members to bless others with the gospel practical tools to help anyone join the journey.



### Book Version:

*B.L.E.S.S. – How to Create a Missional Culture*  
by Dr. D. Scott Hildreth & Steven A. McKinion

### “Exploring Evangelism”- Simon Gill

Evangelism is a great adventure - something God invites every single Jesus-follower to join Him in. It's about helping the people around us discover a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.



### “Crash Course On Evangelism”- Bobby Conway

Sharing your faith with others can be a daunting endeavor. Dr. Conway will guide you through what the Bible says about reaching non-believers, equip you with the starting blocks of sharing your faith, and offer you a strategy for getting started.



## Books:

### *Lifestyle Evangelism* by Dr. Joe Aldrich

Finding common ground and earning the right to be heard is the secret to lifestyle evangelism. In this classic bestseller, now released as a mass-market paperback, Dr. Aldrich shows us how we can build genuine, caring relationships with nonbelievers that will open their hearts to the gospel message.



### *Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out*

by Dr. D. Scott Hildreth

The goal of this book is simply to show what evangelism looks like when it's part of ordinary, everyday conversations. Sharing Jesus with others isn't a mystery, and it can be as natural as working a job, practicing a favorite hobby, or engaging in any other kind of daily activity.



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