

SERMON SERIES 10

# Unmasking Average

# GO DEEPER SOAP GUIDE

October 16 - November 27

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

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### Week One

- Sunday's Sermon // Titus 1:1-4
- Day 1: Titus 1:1-4
- Day 2: 2 Timothy 1:1-7
- Day 3: 2 Timothy 1:8-14
- Day 4: Acts 9:1-19
- Day 5: 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

### Week Two

- Sunday's Sermon // Titus 1:5-9
- Day 1: Titus 1:5-9
- Day 2: 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- Day 3: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
- Day 4: 2 Timothy 4:9-18
- Day 5: Acts 14:19-23

### Week Three

- Sunday's Sermon // Titus 1:10-16
- Day 1: Titus 1:10-16
- Day 2: Acts 17:22-31
- Day 3: 1 John 2:1-6
- Day 4: Romans 1:16-17
- Day 5: 2 Peter 3:1-7

### Week Four

- Sunday's Sermon // Titus 2:1-10
- Day 1: Titus 2:1-10
- Day 2: Ephesians 5:22-33
- Day 3: Ephesians 6:1-9
- Day 4: Matthew 5:13-16
- Day 5: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

### Week Five

- Sunday's Sermon // Titus 2:11-15
- Day 1: Titus 2:11-15
- Day 2: Mark 10:35-45
- Day 3: Romans 8:31-39
- Day 4: Galatians 6:11-18
- Day 5: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

### Week Six

- Sunday's Sermon // Titus 3:1-8
- Day 1: Titus 3:1-8
- Day 2: Ephesians 4:25-32
- Day 3: Acts 5:17-42
- Day 4: Matthew 11:25-30
- Day 5: 2 Peter 2:17-22

### Week Seven

- Sunday's Sermon // Titus 3:9-15
- Day 1: Titus 3:9-15
- Day 2: Acts 20:1-6
- Day 3: Colossians 4:10-18
- Day 4: 2 Thessalonians 3:13-18
- Day 5: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

# Week 1

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October 16 // Titus 1:1-4

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Titus 1:1-4**

**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 2 Timothy 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 3****Read 2 Timothy 1:8-14**

**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 4****Read Acts 9:1-19**

**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 2 Corinthians 2:12-17**

**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

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October 23 // Titus 1:5-9

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Titus 1:5-9**

**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 1 Timothy 3:1-7**

**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 1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

**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 2 Timothy 4:9-18**

**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 Acts 14:19-23**

**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.



# Week 3

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October 30 // Titus 1:10-16

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Titus 1:10-16**

**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 Acts 17:22-31**

**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 1 John 2:1-6**

**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 4****Read 1 Romans 1:16-17**

**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 2 Peter 3:1-7**

**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 4

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November 6 // Titus 2:1-10

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Titus 2:1-10**

**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 Ephesians 5:22-33**

**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 Ephesians 6:1-9**

**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 Matthew 5:13-16**

**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 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**

**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 5

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November 13 // Titus 2:11-15

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Titus 2:11-15**

**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 2****Read Mark 10:35-45**

**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 Romans 8:31-39**

**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 Galatians 6:11-18**

**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 6:1-8**

**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 6

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November 20 // Titus 3:1-8

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Titus 3:1-8**

**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 Ephesians 4:25-32**

**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 Acts 5:17-42**

**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 Matthew 11:25-30**

**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 2 Peter 2:17-22**

**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 7

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November 27 // Titus 3:9-15

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Day 1****Read Titus 3:9-15**

**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 2****Read Acts 20:1-6**

**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 3****Read Colossians 4:10-18**

**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 2 Thessalonians 3:13-18**

**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 1:1-9**

**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.

# Our 10 Year Vision!



Who is Wellspring Church? This is not a quest to become who we want to be, it is a quest to become who God wants us to be. God is doing meaningful work, and we have prayerful hope that He will continue to do so. It is time to continue towards the horizon of our future.

A "Wellspring" is an original and bountiful source of life. **Jesus is the Wellspring of life.** So to answer our initial question: Wellspring is a gathering of believers committed to the name and fame of Jesus, the true source of life.

Our mission, anchored in the Great Commission, is stated this way, "We exist to ignite a craving for Jesus Christ by relentlessly loving our community." This describes who we are. We want to see followers who have such a craving for Jesus they cannot help but to love their fellow man.

Our vision describes what we believe God wants us to become in the future. In the years ahead we envision our mission being fulfilled by passionate followers of Jesus building passionate churches!

How are we pursuing the future in the present? Through kindness, campuses and church plants!

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# GO DEEPER TOOLS

## **RightNow Media Studies:**

Titus - Mike Ackerman

Mike Ackerman (Church Planting & New Testament at Ozark Christian College) describes this letter between Paul and Titus as a family conversation on how to relate well in a society at odds with his faith and how to relate with other believers. This is a reminder for Christians today to pursue godly lives no matter what environment we find ourselves in.



“How to Read Titus” - Tim Mackie

The Bible can be hard to interpret. It's lengthy, packed full of characters, and sometimes difficult to tie into daily life. Titus, for example, warns and equips the church against false teachers. In this post, The Bible Project breaks down the book of Titus into digestible pieces so we can understand and apply its truths.

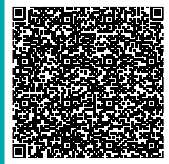


## **Books:**

*Life Lessons from 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus*

By: Max Lucado

The apostle Paul knew the importance of discipleship. He mentored Timothy, a young pastor who was facing all sorts of challenges. He also pointed the way for Titus, a pastor who was shaping an early church. Paul's letters to these young leaders are packed with instruction, guidelines, principles, and encouragement.



*Living Doctrine: The Book of Titus*

By: Daniel L. Akin

Good Christian doctrine is not simply getting the facts right: it is something transformative, brought to life in obedience to Christ. In *Living Doctrine*, Danny Akin unpacks this powerful message and shows how these themes are still vital for Christians today.



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