*How to do a* **SOAP** **expanded** *Bible Study*

1. Pray, asking the Holy Spirit to give you understanding of the Bible passage.

2. Preview the text by reading through the section you are studying in order to get the

 general idea of what is being said. It is best to read out loud.

 In your mind answer the “who, what, when, where, and why” questions.

3. Next, read the text slowly, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you to the verses he wants

 you to apply to your life. Select a few verses to be the focus of your study.

 Copy these verses under **SCRIPTURE**.

4. Under **OBSERVATION** write down your observations and interpretations of the

 passage. You could paraphrase, outline, look up key words, write down questions that

 require further research, or summarize. Look for the timeless principle that God wants

 you to apply to your life.

5. Write this principle under **APPLICATION** “knowing that.”

6. Under “I will:” write how you will put this principle into practice in your

 life/relationships. Be specific enough so that you can tell when you’ve obeyed. Make

 your application *measurable*”.

7. Ask a fellow core member to encourage you and hold you accountable to put your

 application into practice. Develop a communication plan with them that will actually

 work.

8. Close your study in **PRAYER**, asking Jesus to enable you to complete your

 application. Ask Him to show you who to tell what you learned.

9. Tell someone what you learned.