

DEVOTIONAL

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This Mother's Day Sunday we had the opportunity and privilege to have three different speakers across our worship spaces. With that in mind, we introduce you to the S.O.A.P. (Scripture. Observation. Application. Prayer.) guide to Bible study. Use it to journal what you heard and experienced prayerfully and then share with your group.

Ask one another why you chose that worship space. What do you find meaningful and helpful in that particular venue? Note this is not a critique of other venues just an affirmation of the one you typically join for worship.

SCRIPTURE

What key passage(s) were shared in the space I worshipped?

OBSERVATION

- Pray the prayer, "God, why did You write this?"
 Write down what you hear.
- What particularly stood out to you from these passages?

- What does God seem to be revealing through it? Do any of the words stand out? Look up and cross-reference Scriptures of similar topic to get an overview of the passages.
- Whom is the author addressing?
- What is the cultural context? What is the passage about?
- What new insights did you discover about the text during the message?

APPLICATION

 Pray and ask, "God how would You like me to apply what I heard from this Sunday and Your Scripture into my life?"
 Write down what you hear.

PRAYER

- Write a prayer to God based on what you just learned and ask
 Him to help you apply this truth in your life.
- Share this prayer with your group.
- Thank God together for His blessings through the Scriptures and for the way the Holy Spirit meets us there each time we open the pages leading us to Jesus.