

BIBLE STUDY METHODS

POIMA

P – Pray

Begin with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you, open your heart, and help you understand what God wants to show you through His Word.

O – Observe

Read the passage carefully. What’s happening? Who is speaking? What words or phrases stand out? Pay attention to context, repetition, and tone.

I – Interpret

What does the passage mean? What truth is being communicated? Consider how it fits into the larger story of the Bible and what it reveals about God, people, or the Gospel.

M – Meditate

Sit with it. Let the truth sink in. What is God highlighting to *you* personally? Reflect on it slowly, allowing space for the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart.

A – Apply

How can you live this out today? Ask God to show you one way to respond—whether in action, attitude, or prayer.



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1. Position Yourself to Hear from God

Find a quiet place, free from distractions, and prepare your heart. Begin with prayer, inviting God to speak through His Word.

2. Pour Over the Passage and Paraphrase It

Read the Scripture slowly and carefully. Then, rewrite the verse(s) in your own words to better understand the meaning.

3. Pull Out the Spiritual Principles

Look for timeless truths about God, people, faith, or life. What does the passage teach that applies beyond the original context?

4. Pose the Question

Ask, “How does this apply to my life?” Make it personal. Let the Word challenge, encourage, or correct you.

5. Plan Obedience and Pin It Down

Write out a specific way you will respond to what you’ve learned. Obedience turns understanding into transformation.

SOAP Method

A simple and structured method for daily study.

- S – Scripture: Write out the verse or passage.
- O – Observation: What do you notice? What stands out?
- A – Application: How can you apply it to your life?
- P – Prayer: Talk to God about what you’ve learned.