



GTSM

CHRISTMAS

READING PLAN

2023

- 1** Isaiah 7:14 | Isaiah 9:6-7 | Micah 5:2; Isaiah 53:2-6
Prophecies About Jesus' Birth
- 2** Luke 1:26-45
The Birth Of Jesus Foretold and Mary Visits Elizabeth
- 3** Matthew 1:18-25
Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son
- 4** Luke 2:1-21
The Birth Of Jesus
- 5** Luke 2:22-40
Jesus Is Presented In The Temple
- 6** Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi Visit The Messiah
- 7** Matthew 2:13-23
Escape to Egypt and Return to Nazareth
- 8** John 1:1-18
The Word Became Flesh
- 9** Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38
The Genealogies Of Jesus

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This 9-session reading plan will guide you through passages in scripture throughout the Old and New Testaments connected to the Advent season.

It is designed to last three weeks starting on December 4 and ending on December 22 . You will have three different readings each week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) and can use this resource to journal using the S.O.A.P. Bible study method.

Along with each reading, there will be a video from Pastor Scott, Pastor Grady, or Pastor Josh that will accompany that day's reading. These videos can be found on YouTube by searching for them on the discipleshipathome profile or by visiting discipleshipathome.org and clicking on the link. May you be blessed in your time of study and in your pursuit of His presence and hearing His voice!

WHAT IS S.O.A.P.?

S.O.A.P. is a Bible study method that is used by millions worldwide. It is a method that is easy to learn, easy to use, and great for daily use.

S.O.A.P. is an acronym that stands for *Scripture*, *Observation*, *Application*, and *Prayer*.

The **S.O.A.P. process** guides you through reading, digesting, and applying the truths of God's word to your life. The goal is not just to read or study scripture, but to hear and be moved by God's voice as He speaks through His Word. Studying Scripture doesn't have to be complicated, nor do you need a theology degree to do it! This process can be applied by anyone, young or old, to enhance their time in God's Word.

The process starts with **S: Scripture**

Write down in your journal what section of Scripture you read. This is very beneficial as you may come back to your notes remembering something you wrote down or learned, and you will know the exact portion of Scripture to refer back to.

Next is **O: Observation**

In this section, write down, number, bullet point, or list, what you are observing. Who is talking? Who are they talking to? What point is the author making? Why was this written? Who is taking part in the story or speaking? What are their reactions or actions? Why did God include this in His word? When was it written or where did it take place?

We then move on to **A: Application**

In application, we ask the questions: What is God speaking to me? What truth is He trying to reveal? How am I being encouraged, inspired, challenged, or called to repent? In short, we ask ourselves, "Based on what I just read, how does this apply to my life?"

Finally, we end with **P: Prayer**

We never want to approach reading Scripture or studying Scripture from just an academic point of view. We want to be shaped and changed by it, and this is why ending in prayer is so important. Write out a prayer to God based on what you just read, learned, or felt the Holy Spirit speaking to you about from your time in the Word. Ask Him to continue to guide you, and to help you apply these truths to your life.

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