As a new believer the most important thing you can begin to do is study God's Word. The SOAP method is a simple technique that can help you begin the discipline of Bible study.

We teach and encourage the SOAP method of Bible Study for everyone at Renovation Church.

The SOAP method of Bible study is not simply reading the Bible. You will soon see that it helps you interact with God's Word and helps you discover life principles and truths for your daily walk with the Lord. You will need a Bible, a pencil, a notebook and about 15 minutes. Once you make this a habit, it will become a part of your life.

Before you know it, you will be digging into God's truth for yourself.

S - Scripture

The "S" stands for Scripture. You need to write out the Scriptures in your notebook. If you read a large passage of Scripture, just write out the verses that stood out to you.

O-Observation

The "O" stands for observation. This step encourages vou to interact with the Scriptures that you have written out in your notebook. What do you see? What stands out? What didn't you notice before? Is there repetition, comparison or contrast? During this step you basically ask yourself: what do I see and what does it mean?

A - Application

The "A" stands for application. This step encourages you to make God's Word personal in vour life. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I have just read to my walk with the Lord? Do I need to make changes? Do Ineed to take an action?

P - Prayer

The "P" stands for prayer. This step involves thanking God for what you read today; asking God to work in your life concerning the truths you've just discovered in your Bible reading; and, to give you the wisdom, courage, strength and discipline to apply them to my walk with the Lord.

Try It:

The Gospel Of John

The Gospel of John is a good book of the Bible to read as you begin your spiritual journey. John portrays Jesus Christ as the Son of God. His purpose is crystal clear: to set forth Christ in His Deity in order to spark believing faith in his readers. You will also discover that John's gospel is topical, not primarily chronological, and it revolves around seven miracles and seven "I am" statements of Christ. You will enjoy reading this Gospel ("Good News") account of the life of Jesus Christ!

6 weeks through the Gospel of John

Day 1- John 1:1-28

The Deity of Christ

Day 2 - John 1:29-51

Jesus, the Lamb of God, Calls the First Disciples

Day 3 - John 2:1-12

Jesus Performs First Sign: Turns Water to Wine

Day 4 - John 2:13-25

Jesus Clears the Temple

Day 5 - John 3:1-21

Jesus Witnesses to Nicodemus

Day 6 - John 3:22-36

John the Baptist Witnesses Concerning Christ

Day 8 - John 4:27-45

Jesus Witnesses to the Disciples and Samaritans

Day 9- John 4:46-54

Jesus' Second Sign: Heals the Nobleman's Son

Day 10- John 5:1-47

Jesus' Third Sign: Heals the Paralytic Man

Day 11 - John 6:1-14

Jesus' Fourth Sign: Feeds 5,000

Day 12 - John 6:15-21

Jesus' Fifth Sign: Walks on Water

Day 13 - John 6:22-71

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Day 14- John 7:1-53

The Opposition at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem

Day 15 - John 8:1-11

A Woman Caught in Adultery

Day 16 - John 8:12-59

Jesus Announces, "I Am the Light of the Word"

Day 17 - John 9:1-41

Jesus' Sixth Sign: Heals the Blind Man

Day 18 - John 10:1-21

Christ Announces, "I Am the Good Shepherd"

Day 19 - John 10:22-42

The Opposition at the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem

Day 20- John 11:1-18

Illness and Death of Lazarus

Day 21 - John 11:19-44

Jesus' Seventh Sign: Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Day 22- John 11:45-57

The Pharisees Plan to Kill Jesus

Day 23- John 12:1-11

Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet

Day 24 - John 12:12-50

The Opposition at Jerusalem

Day 25- John 13:1-17

Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet

Day 26- John 13:18-38

Jesus Announces Judas' Betrayal and Peter's Denial

Day 27 - John 14:1-31

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

Day 28- John 15:1-11

The Relationship of Believers to Christ

Day 29 - John 15:12-17

The Relationship of Believers to Each Other

Day 30 - John 15:18-25

The Relationship of Believers to the World

Day 31 - John 15:26-16:15

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Day 32- John 16:16-33 17:1-19

The Prediction of Jesus Death and Resurrection

Day 33 - John 17:1-19

Jesus Prays for Himself and His Disciples

Day 34 - John 17:20-26

Jesus Prays for All Believers

Day 35- John 18:1-14

Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested

Day 36 - John 18:15-40

Peter's Denial and Jesus' Trial

Day 37 - John 19:1-16

Jesus Sentenced to Death

Day 38- John 19:17-42

Jesus' Crucifixion

Day 39 - John 20:1-10

Jesus' Resurrection

Day 40 - John 20:11-31

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene, His Disciples and to Thomas

Day 41 - John 21:1-12

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples and John Explains Why He Wrote This Gospel

Day 42 - John 21:13-25

Jesus Challenges Peter; and, the Conclusion of John's Gospel