

Sunday, January 11, 2026

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: S.O.A.P

Series: S.O.A.P

Text: 2 Tim 2:1 - 26

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to actively participate in personal Bible exploration.

Introduction:

~ In 2026 may each believer here discover a renewed passion for the Word of God.

~ 2 Timothy 2:1 - 26, taking special note of verses 15, 19, 21, 26

~ Basic thoughts on exploring the Bible:
~ avoid random exploration, be systematic and orderly
~ pick a Bible book or word study.
ie. Ruth, James, Galatians; words like joy, peace, hope, redemption

~ Ask: who, what, where, when, why, how (facts); it might take 15 minutes or 2 minutes

~ Read until something shouts out to you, examples: 2 Timothy 2:1 – 2; 1 Thessalonians 4:15, 17,

Ephesians 1:4

~ Exploring is slow, reading is quick, seeking to get an overview and context.

~ Journal, Habakkuk 2:1 – 3, “I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. (2) And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. (3) For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.”

SOAP is an acronym for: Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer - Developed by Rev. Wayne Cordeiro, founder of New Hope Christian Fellowship in Oahu. Average attendance of 20,000 and have planted approximately 120 churches.

1. Importance of the Scriptures (Word of God):

- ~ Word of God and Creation, Genesis 1:3, 6, 9...
- ~ Used to defeat the enemy, Matthew 4:4, “But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word (rhema) that comes from the mouth of God.”
- ~ Increases faith, Romans 10:17, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word (rhema) of Christ.”
- ~ Word gives blessing, Psalm 1:1 – 3
- ~ Word gives protection, Psalm 119:11, “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”
- ~ Word gives guidance, Psalm 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

2. Importance of Application:

~ A prescription of medication is only beneficial when taken.

1 Thessalonians 4:13, 1 Corinthians 12:1

Jeff Allen (if time)

~ The Word needs to set our understanding and thinking, Mark 7:13, “thus making void the word of God by your traditions that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

~ I need to know what the Lord of Hosts has to say to ME! Matthew 22:29, “But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.”

~ I cannot receive from God what He speaks if I do not receive it! Luke 1:38, “And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.”

~ 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17; “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

Teaching or doctrine tells us what is right.

Reproof tells us what is not right.

Correction tells us how to get right.

Training or instruction tells us how to stay right.

Conclusion:

Hymn – Trust and Obey