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Priority: Identity

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Daily Devotions

SOAP Introduction

As an individual or as a family, use this SOAP study to connect with Jesus each day this week. SOAP stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer. When we do a SOAP study, we want to root ourselves in the Scriptures, observing what they have for us, applying them to our lives, and then communing with God in prayer both before and after our time in the Bible.

Each day there will be multiple Scriptures for you to ask questions about, sit with, hear from God, and be invited to respond in action to.

If you're doing this individually, be sure to prayerfully consider each day's truth, each day's passages, and each of the questions. If you are doing this as a family, don't be afraid to have each person in your family read one of the verses or to "popcorn read" if it's a longer passage (meaning, don't be afraid to have one person read a verse or two and then another read a couple verses and then another a couple verses).

Parents, if you are going through this with your children, be sure to ask questions that will help your children engage with the daily Scriptures by asking good, concrete questions.

Day One // You are created in the image of God

Scripture: **Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 100:1-5**

Observation: *What do I see in this passage?*

- What words or phrases is God drawing you to? Why do you think this is?
- What are two to three themes these verses want you to realize?
- What do these verses say about God?
- What do these verses say about your identity?
- How does it feel to know that God made you special, in his likeness, and for himself?
- Imagine God smiling while creating you. What thoughts or feelings come to mind for you in this scene?
- What truth does God want you to know?

Application: *What do I do with what I've read?*

- What is God inviting you or your family to into as a result of these Scriptures?

Prayer:

- Write a prayer as an individual or as a family to God about today's truth that you are created in God's image.
- Set a reminder on your phone or mark it on a calendar to join us at 3:17pm everyday. Today, let's pray for those affected by the Global Pandemic

Day Two // You are known by God.

Scripture: **Psalm 139:1-18**

Observation: *What do I see in this passage?*

- What words or phrases stand out to you? Why?
- What are two to three themes these verses want you to realize?
- What do these verses say about God?
- What do these verses say about your identity?
- How does it feel to know that God knows everything about you and loves you anyways?
- What truth does God want you to know?

Application: *What do I do with what I've read?*

- What kinds of things are you prone to keep from God? Why?
- What is God inviting you or your family to into as a result of these Scriptures?

Prayer:

- Write a prayer as an individual or as a family to God about today's truth that you are fully known by God.
- Set a reminder on your phone or mark it on a calendar to join us at 3:17pm everyday. Today, let's pray for the families, including those with special needs.

Day Three // You are valued by God.

Scripture: **Luke 19:1-10; Isaiah 49:16a**

Observation: *What do I see in this passage?*

- What words or phrases stand out to you? Why?
- What are two to three themes these verses want you to realize?
- What do these verses say about God?
- What do these verses say about your identity?
- On a scale of 1-10, how valuable do you think you are? Explain.
- On a scale of 1-10, how valuable do you think you are in God's eyes? Explain.
- How does it feel to know that God thinks that you are valuable?
- What truth does God want you to rest in?

Application: *What do I do with what I've read?*

- What would living in the reality that your value isn't derived from anything you do, say, know, or have look like for you?
- What is God inviting you or your family to into as a result of these Scriptures?

Prayer:

- Write a prayer as an individual or as a family to God about what thoughts and feelings come to mind when thinking about today's truth that you are totally valued by God.
- Set a reminder on your phone or mark it on a calendar to join us at 3:17pm every day. Today, let's pray for the elderly and high-risk communities.

Day Four // You are a loved son or daughter of God.

Scripture: **John 1:12; Romans 8:14-17; Romans 8:37-38; Galatians 4:4-7**

Observation: *What do I see in this passage?*

- What words or phrases stand out to you? Why?
- What are two to three themes these verses want you to realize?
- What do these verses say about God?
- What do these verses say about your identity?
- How does it feel to know that wants you a part of his family?
- When you think about God being your Father, how does that make you feel?
- What truth does God want you to know?

Application: *What do I do with what I've read?*

- What would living in light of your sonship or daughterhood do to affect how you engage with others around you?
- What is God inviting you or your family to into as a result of these Scriptures?

Prayer:

- Write a prayer as an individual or as a family to God about how it feels that you are a son or daughter of God.
- Set a reminder on your phone or mark it on a calendar to join us at 3:17pm everyday. Today, let's pray for local, state, and national officials.

Day Five // You are an ambassador for God.

Scripture: **2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Psalm 145**

Observation: *What do I see in this passage?*

- What words or phrases stand out to you? Why?
- What are two to three themes these verses want you to realize?
- What do these verses say about God?
- What do these verses say about your identity?
- How does it feel to know that you are called to be a representative for God?
- What truth does God want you to know?

Application: *What do I do with what I've read?*

- What would it look like for you to live as a representative for God today?
- What is God inviting you or your family to into as a result of these Scriptures?

Prayer:

- Write a prayer as an individual or as a family to God about how you want to live in light of reality that you are an ambassador for God.
- Set a reminder on your phone or mark it on a calendar to join us at 3:17pm everyday. Today, let's pray for healthcare workers and first responders.