



21 day Easter bible reading plan

DAY	SCRIPTURE	FOCUS
1	Gen 22:1-19	God will provide a sacrifice
2	Ex 12:1-30	Passover foreshadows Jesus' Sacrifice
3	Isa 53:1-12; Mark 10:32-34	Jesus' substitutionary sacrifice prophesied
4	Heb 9:1-28	Old Covenant picture of New Covenant in Christ
5	Heb 10:1-25	Sacrificial system replaced by perfect sacrifice
6	Eph 2:1-22	Christ's sacrifice provided eternal redemption
7	1 Cor 15:1-28	The necessity of the resurrection
8	Luke 3:1-18; John 1:19-34	The way prepared
9	John 3:1-21; Titus 3:3-7	You must be "born again"
10	Zech 9:9-13; Matt 21:1-11	The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
11	Matt 21:33-46; Acts 4:8-12	Rejection of the Son
12	Matt 26:1-30	Jesus' anointing & institution of Lord's Supper
13	John 16:5-33	Teaching in the Garden of Gethsemane
14	Matt 26:31-56	Garden prayers and arrest
15	Matt 26:57-75; 27:1-10	Jewish trial; Peter's denial; Betrayer's death
16	John 18:28-40; 19:1-16	Trial before Pilate
17	Matt 27:32-49; Jn 19:17-27	Jesus' crucifixion
18	Matt 27:50-66; Jn 19:28-42	Jesus' death and burial
19	Matt 28:1-10; Jn 20:1-18	Alive again!
20	Luke 24:13-49	Post-resurrection appearance
21	Acts 1:1-11; 2:22-41	Jesus' ascension

REFLECT & APPLY AS YOU READ THE SCRIPTURE

Consider the following questions as you read the daily passages:

- *Does the passage reveal anything about the character or nature of God you should believe?*
- *Is there something in the passage for which you should thank God?*
- *Does the passage highlight something you should pray about for yourself or others?*
- *Does the passage provide guidance for a decision you need to make?*
- *Is there some other specific way you need to obediently respond to the passage?*
- *What does the passage teach about the necessity of Christ's sacrifice?*
- *What did Jesus' resurrection accomplish for us?*

Please get your teenager to use the S.O.A.P, bible study technique when following the bible reading plan. This technique will help them interact with the material

WHAT DOES S.O.A.P. MEAN?

S– The S stands for Scripture- you physically write out the scripture.....you'll be amazed that what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading!

O– The O stands for observation- what do you see in the verses that you're reading? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you?

A– The A stands for Application- this is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P– And finally P stands for Prayer. Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

Studying God's Word like this can take as little or as long as you have time to give. Some days it can take just 10 or 15 minutes, other days longer.

HOW DO I S.O.A.P.?

Here is a personal example....

Colossians 1:5-8

S– The faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

O– (Many times I just bullet my observations.....what I'm seeing at first glance when looking at the verses)

- When you combine faith and love, you get hope.
- We have to remember that our hope is in heaven.....it is yet to come.
- The gospel is the word of truth.
- The gospel is continually bearing fruit and growing from the 1st day to the last.
- It just takes one person to change a whole community.....Epaphras.

A-Something that stood out to me today was how God used one man, Epaphras to change a whole town!!! I was reminded that we are simply called to tell others about Christ.....it's God's job to spread the gospel....to grow it and have it bear fruit. I felt today's verses were almost directly spoken to LGG.....*"all over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth."* Isn't it fun when God's Word becomes so alive and speaks directly where we are at?!!!! My prayer today is that all the women involved in this Bible study will understand God's grace and have a thirst for His Word.

P– Dear Lord, please help me to be a “Epapras”.....to tell others about you and then leave the results in your loving hands. Please help me to understand and apply what I have read today to my life personally, thereby becoming more and more like you each and every day. Help me to live a life that bears the “fruit” of faith and love.....anchoring my hope in heaven, not here on earth. Help me to remember that the BEST is yet to come!

The most important ingredients in the S.O.A.P. method is YOUR interaction with God’s Word and your APPLICATION of His Word for YOUR life.