

S – Scripture

1. **Read**

2. **Re-Read**

- You may think you understand something well the first time, but when you read or listen to it read a second time, you will always notice or understand things better the second time.

3. **Underline**

- When you're reading Scripture, you'll probably come across some things you want to make note of. It might be something that confusing, interesting, inspiring, or important. Take note of that by underlining, highlighting, or making a note of what you noticed.

4. **Write**

- I've always found that writing something out helps me remember it better than just reading it. You may want to write down the parts of the Bible that stood out to. Take notes, or write down your questions. Do whatever works best for you.

O:Observation

1. Be a detective:

- Look for important ideas or themes. What's the big picture, are there any words that get repeated? What is the purpose of the passage?
- Answer: Who, what, when, where, why, how?

A: Application

1. Every Verse has a Purpose – How do we apply it?

- We CANNOT just be readers of the Word; We HAVE TO BE DOERS of the Word!
- Sometime it will be obvious (like in James 1) how we should apply the Scripture. In James case we are given clear commands and action steps.
- Some passages might teach about who God is (if this is the case you can stop and give thanks to God for who he is!)
- Other passages might tell you a story about something or someone that happened or lived. Remember that when you read a story The Bible is full of people who did terrible things and made terrible decisions. This is why it's important to read the Bible in its full context!

- When we understand a passage's context we better understand its purpose and are then in return better able to apply it to everyday life.

P: Prayer

1. Praying Scripture

- If ever unsure... you can simply pray the Scriptures. Allow it to be a simple prayer.

2. Inviting God

- You may think, "Well, God is around all the time why would I need to invite him to anything." God desires to hear from us. God desires and yearns for us to communicate even if it is to ask: "God help me understand this passage better."
- Invite God to help you better understand and apply what a particular passage is saying.