

# P.O.U.R.

## BIBLE STUDY METHOD

Dig deeper in the Word, following the 4-step P.O.U.R. Method. Gather your Bible, Reading Plan, and study materials and set aside time away from distractions. The goal is to have quality quiet time with The Lord. You may get through your entire Bible reading or the Holy Spirit may lead you to a few key passages. That's okay! There is not a right or wrong way to read, journal, and/or highlight your Bible or notes. What is most important is that you are intentional about being in the Word and hearing from The Lord. May His blessings pour out on you as you diligently seek Him.

# P

**PRAY:** As we dig deeper in the Word of God, praying is essential. One of the best promises to cling to in Scripture is that God is with us. Apart from His Spirit, reading the Bible can be hard and that is why we should always begin with prayer. Be open and willing to hear what The Lord wants to show you through His Word. Allow the Holy Spirit to maintain your focus. After praying, begin your Scripture reading. As you read, choose any scripture or passages and write down in your journal.

# O

**OBSERVE:** Highlight/ mark in your Bible any meaningful words or phrases that stand out to you. Take some time to go more in-depth. Remember background and contextual clues are important. Some questions that are helpful to ask: *What stood out about the verse(s)? Who is the intended audience? What themes are seen through words that are being repeated? Where did this take place? Were there any commands, instructions, warnings in the text?*

# U

**UNDERSTAND:** Taking what you have observed in your reading, progress further and summarize in a few sentences what you can learn through the scripture or passages. Write any other thoughts you have about the verse(s): *What is The Lord showing you through His Word? What truths can you learn? Did you learn anything new? Is there a word of encouragement, conviction, challenge?*

# R

**RESPOND:** Our final step is to take the truths of the Word that you have observed and understood, and apply them to your life. Allow the Holy Spirit to continually transform your daily life. Write down your prayer of response to The Lord and ask for His help to apply His Word: *How can what you learned become more than knowledge? Is there something you need to: Pray about? Talk about? Think about? Start doing? Stop doing?*

*But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it - they will be blessed in what they do. - James 1:25*

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**P**RAY - Be open and willing to hear what The Lord wants to show you through His Word. Write down key verse(s) that stood out today:

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**O**BSERVE - What stood out about the verse(s)? Who is the intended audience? Where did this take place? Were there any commands, instructions, warnings in the text?

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**U**NDERSTAND - Take what you have observed and summarize what you can learn. Did you learn anything new? Is there a word of encouragement, conviction, challenge?

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**R**ESPOND - Write down your prayer of response to the Lord and ask for His help to apply His Word. How will your life be different as a result of what the Holy Spirit has revealed to you today?

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## PRAY



*Key Verse(s):*

Lord, I pray that you would help me be focused on you as I read today. Help me to understand your Word and live it out. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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## OBSERVE

*What is God saying?*



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## UNDERSTAND

*What does it mean to me?*



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## RESPOND

*How do I apply it to my life?*



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