

SOAP readings for August 1 - 7

Marriage Killers

Pornography

Journal with SOAP

-Scripture: Write one verse out.

-Observe: Write what you see in the verse and surrounding section.

-Application: Write how you sense God wants you to apply this verse to your life.

-Prayer: Write a short prayer of response asking God to help you do what he just showed you.

SOAP is a great way to read and apply the Bible to our lives. One way to do that is to read and apply the 5 Bible passages below on 5 of the 7 days this week. This weekend, the sermon will focus on the topic of the readings, for further understanding and application. If you are not already in a small group, please consider trying one, where you will delve into the topic even more!

****This week's readings are identical to 2 weeks ago. The sermon topics got changed within the marriage series, putting 'pornography as the last topic. If you didn't have the chance to do SOAP that week, here is a great opportunity. If you did, please challenge yourself to pick new verses within each day and allow the word to sink deeper into your life!****

Day 1

1 Corinthians 6:9-20 - read and do SOAP. In verse 18, the phrase 'sexual immorality' is the Greek word 'porneia' and is the root of our word 'pornography.' It refers to all forms of sexual intimacy outside the bonds of marriage.

Day 2

Matthew 5:27-30 – read and do SOAP. From the English Study Bible- Lust begins in the heart, the center of a person's identity and will. It is not enough to maintain physical purity alone; one must also guard against engaging mentally in an act of unfaithfulness.

Day 3

Romans 12:1-9 – read and do SOAP. In view of God's mercy and sacrifice, we are to give our entire body and soul to his service as a spiritual act of worship.

Day 4

1 Thessalonians 4 – read and do SOAP. Paul instructs us how to walk in order to please God. He says we must be sanctified which is being set apart or "the gradual triumph of humility over remaining pride." The first step of sanctification- avoid sexual immorality.

Day 5

Philippians 4: 4-20 – read and do SOAP. One of the greatest defenses against pornography or temptation is a mind filled with other thoughts. Occupy yourself with the attributes of vs. 8-9. 'Think about' and 'practice' these things and the God of peace will be with you, giving you peace from the things that seek to ensnare you.