



Listening Together
Journal

A **WALK**
of **FAITH**
THAT HONORS THE
GOSPEL

As we read God's words, we begin to see how God responds to things. Doing daily devotions re-patterns the way we think and transforms the spirit of the mind. Then, when we face similar situations as Jesus did, we begin to respond in the same way.

SOAK is a method of Bible reading and journaling: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Kneel. It can be used with any daily Bible reading plan. You'll need a Bible, a journal and a pen.

S for Scripture: Open your Bible to today's reading (according to whatever plan you are following). Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O for Observation: What struck you and caught your attention in what you read? What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words.

A for Application: Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this Scripture can apply to you today.

K for Kneel: Submit to God's word to you today by asking God to help you use this Scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Writing helps us to own our thoughts. Write out a prayer that expresses your thoughts to God. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

Day 1 – Luke 9:57-62

Scripture:

Observations:

Application:

Given Jesus' replies to the three, what conflicting loyalties might He find in your heart today, and how can you guard against their influence?

Kneel:

Day 2 – James 4:11-17

Scripture:

Observations:

Application:

What can you do today to place your plans for the future in God's hands?

Kneel:

Day 3 – Matthew 6:19-24

Scripture:

Observations:

Application:

How could you make an investment in eternity today?

Kneel:

Day 4 – James 5:1-6

Scripture:

Observations:

Application:

What do luxury and self-indulgence have to do with the trouble that lies ahead for those who trust in them? How can we avoid these traps today?

Kneel:

Day 5 – Matthew 6:25-34

Scripture:

Observations:

Application:

What did Jesus use to illustrate God’s reliability as a provider? Why?

How can you keep this in mind when temptations to worry comes?

Kneel:
