**When God Speaks – Part 7 – When God speaks, use S.O.A.P.**

**HOOK (pick 2)**

**1. If you could invent a new type of technology, what would your invention do?**

**2. What’s a favorite clip you’ve seen recently on Youtube?**

**3. Pastor Perry shared a story about a 240 Sequoias tree that fell because of foot traffic that damaged its roots. What kind of foot traffic takes away your spiritual closeness to God? What distracts you from Jesus?** (work; emails, phone calls, traffic, politics, talk radio, television, bills, worries, responsibilities, deadlines, endless chores, children?) **We can’t stop most of it. What we really need to do is build a sacred enclosure over the place where God speaks to us.**

**4. Do guests to your home energize or drain you?**

**BOOK**

**Read Luke 10:38-42**

**5. Are you more a Mary or a Martha?**

**6. What was Jesus’ main purpose in visiting Mary and Martha?** (To visit friends; to teach them something)

**7. What was Martha’s choice and Martha’s reward? What was Mary’s choice and Mary’s reward?**

**8. Read Hebrews 4:7. What do believers urgently need to do? (**listen to God’s voice and put into practice what He tells us to do. Delayed obedience is disobedience.)

**LOOK**

**9. According to Luke 10:42, what’s the one essential thing that’s important in life?**  (Spending time with Jesus and listening to Him speak.)

**10. What 5 tools did Pastor Perry suggest are needed to build a sacred enclosure for God?**

1. Bible
2. A Bible reading plan
3. A Pen
4. A journal
5. A daytimer

**11. What does the acronym S.O.A.P. stand for?** (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer – a suggested method of spiritual journaling. “The fear of the Lord is clean.”). **How is S.O.A.P. different from a daily diary?** (The focus of spiritual journaling is reflecting on a Scripture and listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through it; a daily diary is a list of the day’s activities)

**TOOK**

**12. When is the best time of the day for you to read the Bible? Do you prefer a hard copy or electronic version of the Bible?**

**13. What’s your current Bible reading plan? What’s your goal in 2016?**

**14. How capable are you of feeding yourself spiritually? Do you need a mentor or accountability? (**You could agree to 20/20/20 meetings: 20 minutes of Scripture reading, 20 minutes of journaling, and 20 minutes of sharing)

**15. Do you practice spiritual journaling? What’s the value for you if you do? What’s the hindrance to journaling if you don’t?**

**16. What Scripture has the Holy Spirit highlighted for you lately?**

**Pray for each other’s needs, and thus fulfill the law of Christ!**