**Series: BELIEVE**

**Today: So Very Close to God’s Breath**

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**BIBLE QUIZ HERE – (I will send to Richard)**

**Key Idea:** I study the Bible to know God and His truth and to find direction for my daily life.

1. **Why Study the Bible?**

* It trains and equips us for a life of Godliness

**2 Timothy 3:16‐17**

*All Scripture is God‐breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

1. **The Bible is Popular Because It Addresses These Questions**
2. Why is there so much beauty?

Good

Very good

1. Why is there so much ugliness?
2. Where is God in the midst of it all?
3. **The Story Arc of the Bible**
4. Creation
5. Fall
6. The Chosen Nation of Israel
7. Life and Ministry of Jesus
8. The Church
9. Eternity
10. **Tips for Studying the Bible**
11. Generally:Use an understandable Bible version (NIV, ESV, NLT).
12. Specifically: Get a BELIEVE book
13. Always:Study the Bible in community

***Acts 8:30b‐31a***

*“‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ Philip asked. ‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’”*

1. **Here’s One Hands- On Method**

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**Three Simple Steps for Personal Bible Study**

**1. Observation:** What does it say? (Who, What, When, Where, Why?)

**2. Interpretation:** What does it mean? (then & now)

(Look at context, key words, cross‐references, resources)

**3. Application:** What does this mean to me? (personal & practical)

Sin to confess? Promise to claim? Attitude to change? Command to obey? Example to follow?

Something to praise God for?

**Good Resources for Personal Bible Study**

A Study Bible: Life Application Study Bible: ESV Student Study Bible

Bible Software (free): www.biblegateway.com, www.blueletterbible.org

Bible Apps (free): Bible Gateway; YouVersion (Life Church)