

Believe Series  
**“Bible Study”**  
How do I study God’s word?

*How can a young person stay pure?  
By obeying your word.*

Psalm 119:9 (NLT)

**We study the Bible to know God and His truth and to find direction for my daily life.**

*For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.*

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

**The Bible is God’s message to you.**

*For God has said,  
“I will never fail you.  
I will never abandon you.”*

Hebrews 13:5b (NLT)

*Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*

Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

*Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.*

Colossians 3:23 (NLT)

**The Bible’s purpose is to reveal salvation.**

*But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.*

John 20:31 (NLT)

**The Bible exists to answer the questions:**

**How did I get here?**

**How do I get to where I belong?**

*When I discovered your words, I devoured them.  
They are my joy and my heart’s delight,  
for I bear your name,  
O Lord God of Heaven’s Armies.*

Jeremiah 15:16 (NLT)

**SO WHAT?**

*Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15 (NLT)

**Consume it.**

*“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.*

Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

*Cry out for insight,  
and ask for understanding.  
Search for them as you would for silver;  
seek them like hidden treasures.  
Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord,  
and you will gain knowledge of God.*

Proverbs 2:3-5 (NLT)

**Chew on it.**

*Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.*

Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

*This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory. I want you to remember what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles.*

2 Peter 3:1-2 (NLT)

## **Live it out.**

*But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.*

James 1:22 (NLT)

*"If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss."*

Luke 6:48-49 (MSG)

## **What will you do?**

## **Growth Group Questions**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

### **Read Believe Chapter 13: Bible Study.**

1. What was your favorite subject to study in school? Why?
2. What things do you still research and study just because it is interesting or valuable to you?
3. Re-read Hebrews 4:12. How is Gods word alive for you?  
  
How has it ever exposed your innermost thoughts?
4. Re-read Hebrews 13:5, Philippians 4:6, & Colossians 3:23. When have you heard God clearly speaking to you through scripture?  
  
What was the passage? How did he speak to you?
5. Re-read 2 Timothy 2:15. Why is it so important to be able to "correctly explain the word of truth"?
6. Re-read Joshua 1:8. How and where and when are you currently consuming the Bible?  
  
What is the difference between "consuming" and "chewing" on the Bible?
7. What will you do differently to put the Bible in a primary place in your life?