MORE: Breathing Pt 2

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Breathing: The Word In & Through Us

The Bible is more than a how-to, self help book. Breathing God's Word is about taking a deep breath and inhaling all that He desires for us to absorb. At the same time, His Word is not intended to just remain in us but that we would exhale and share His message to those around us.

If you don't trust the source, you'll never feed from it!

Luke 24:13-32; Acts 17:11; Hebrews 5:12-14

The Bible is FOR you but ABOUT Jesus

Designate means to set aside a time and make it a priority to read the Word. (Luke 22:39 TPT)

Enter into prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to the understanding of God's Word. (Jn 16:13; 1 Cor 2:12)

Explore the passage by highlighting words that stick out to you (Ps 119:18)

Pursue and study the background to the passage (2 Tim 2:15 KJV; Rev 3:15-16)

Examine yourself and ask the Holy Spirit to highlight areas of your life to align with what you read. (Heb 4:12)

Release the Word by living out and applying what you read. (Jas 1:22-25)

exegesis: "To read out of the text" -VS- eisegesis: "To read into the text"

prescriptive: things the Bible tells us to do; -VS- *descriptive*: a story illustration not universally applicable

QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is regular time in Scripture important?
- 2. What is your current pattern for reading the Bible? Or what did it look like when you were most in love with the Word?
- 3. What step in DEEPER is (a) easiest for you and (b) hardest for you.
- 4. How do we practically RELEASE God's Word to the people around it? Consider taking some time to RELEASE His Word into each other.

See also this week's Application Questions in the MORE Scripture Guide e-book @ http://www.gracechapelonline.org/morepdf]

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

YouVersion (The Bible App)

The most popular phone app for accessing the Bible, reading plans, and other great resources.

https://www.youversion.com

Bible Study Tools

Free and for fee access to commentaries and other resources <u>www.biblestudytools.com</u>

Blue Letter Bible:

Gives insight into the Greek and Hebrew. www.blueletterbible.com

The Bible Project:

Detailed videos giving overviews of Bible books and Bible themes https://www.youtube.com/user/jointhebibleproject
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