



## Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - November 18, 2012

### Sermon

Bible Sunday

*"The Most Important Book  
You Will Ever Read"*

2 Timothy 3:10-16

by Bob Shank

Things I want to remember  
about this sermon...

Monday 11/19/12

2 Timothy 3:10-11

Timothy is talking about and reminding his readers that his life, faith, and daily living were all motivated in serving God's people. He connected with the people in several different cities and he connected with them in significant, life-changing, and meaningful ways. If you were in Timothy's shoes and wanted to point to yourself as a living example of the faith, what would you say? How would you back up your words with your actions?

Tuesday 11/20/12

2 Timothy 3:12

This verse makes a bold and yet sad statement. Most of us don't welcome trouble when we are doing the right things for God. But Timothy declares matter of factly that the righteous will be persecuted. What do you think this means? What persecutions do you think those who live godly lives will have to endure? Are you being persecuted in any way today?

Wednesday 11/21/12

2 Timothy 3:13

There are all kinds of people in the world. Some are lovely and some are hateful. Some are kind and nice, while others are selfish and even mean to the core! Timothy predicts that evil and false people will become worse and worse. Sometimes things do get worse before they can ever hope to get better. How do you think evil people will get worse? Is there any hope for them? Is there any hope for us? In whom do you put your trust? There are some things and even people who are just evil. We need to be aware of this and be on guard. Are you aware of the influence others may have on you? Do you hang out in good crowds and with good people? Or, do some of the people in your circles bring you down?



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

*Read the Bible every day this week!!!*

*Think about and list all the lessons you were taught from the Bible.*

*Find one story in the Bible that connects with you and somewhat describes you and your spiritual journey so far.*

Thursday 11/22/12  
2 Timothy 3:14

When times get tough, the tough get going; or they stick with what they learned and were taught. Knowledge is a wonderful thing! I was given the gift of a hungry mind and I want to learn all the time. I don't just mean this in an academic sense--I want to learn more about everything! When we are taught good lessons, we need to continue living in these ways. I was taught never to do drugs. Thankfully, I followed these instructions all my life. What lessons do you need to keep living out in your life?

Friday 11/23/12  
2 Timothy 3:15

Some of us are blessed to be long-time Christians and believers. Others are more recent followers of Christ. If you were taught the Holy Scriptures then you know this instruction is invaluable to your faith. Connecting our lives with the message of the gospel or the other biblical books is nothing short of powerful and spiritual enlightenment! When the proverbial lightbulb goes off in our faith, there is nothing quite like it!

Saturday 11/24/12  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

What do these verses mean to you? How is the Bible God's word for you? "God-breathed" refers to the inspiration of God's word. And whenever we begin to understand God's word, new life and meaning is breathed into us. We can read the Bible as any other book to gain knowledge and understanding. Better yet, we can read the Bible with the guidance of the Holy Spirit blessing us as we try to gain meaning and understanding of God's word. It often amazes me how such old words can breath new life into us even today! Are you reading God's word every day? Take some time today to read the Bible. Allow God's Spirit to breath new understanding and meaning into your life!