



Dig Deeper @Home – “Tough Questions”

Complement to sermon on 8/12/2018 – “What’s the bible and is it reliable?”

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Share the last book you read and give a 30 second review.
2. If you could time travel either into the past or future (only one direction) which would you choose and why?

MEMORIZE – 1st Peter 3:15

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect

READ – 2 Timothy 3

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. In verse 5 Paul talks about people “having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.”
 - a. How can one have the appearance of godliness?
 - b. What does it mean to deny its power?
 - c. Why is important to avoid these types of people?
4. In verse 10 & 11 Paul exhorts Timothy for what he has followed.
 - a. What are the things Paul identifies that Timothy has followed?
 - b. Which of these areas are you currently following?
 - c. Which of these areas do you need the Holy Spirit to help you grow in?
5. Why is important to be acquainted to scripture? (hint: 1st Timothy 3:15 and 2:15) What can you do this week to become better acquainted with scripture?

Summarize 1st Timothy 3 in your own words:

Experiential: Growing in God's Word

God's word is a gift worth not only our treasuring but more importantly, our devouring. Work this week to build up spending time each day in God's word. On the first day, commit to read the bible for 4 minutes. Each day after add 1 minute to your time. By the end of the week, you'll have grown to reading the bible 10 minutes a day. But don't stop there, keep going and growing in God's word. If married or have a family, read together to encourage everybody to grow in God's word.

Testimony Time – Share with someone the difference God's word has made in your life.

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Lay me Down - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7t2CI43nOU>

As you sing the phrase, "It will be my joy to say, your will, your way"

Spread, still Spread, thou Mighty Word – Mennonite Hymnal #224

(Sing this song to the tune of "Take my life and let it be consecrated" #358)

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Gracious Father, thank you for Your love and patience. May we overflow with praise this week as we encounter You in Your word. Give us a growing appetite that You and You alone can satisfy. Holy Spirit, as we read Your word, write it on our hearts, and transform us from the inside out. In Jesus Name, Amen.