

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Gather. Nurture. Make Disciples.”
Complement to sermon on October 29, 2017**

MEMORIZE – Galatians 5: 5-6

For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

READ 2nd Timothy 3: 10-17

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. Verse 10 starts with the phrase, “you, however” indicating that what follows is contrasting what came before. Read 3: 1-9.
 - a. What is the source of difficulty in the last days? (hint: v2-5)

 - b. How do people who live like this appear to others? (hint: v9)

 - c. Where have you been guilty of one (or more) of these yourself? What needs to change? How?

4. Paul refers to Jannes and Jambres in 2 Timothy 3:8. These men are considered to be the lead magicians in Pharaoh’s court leading up to the Exodus. Read Exodus 7:8-13. Compare and contrast this with Paul referring to them in 2 Timothy 3: 2-9

5. Paul himself has an encounter with a magician in Acts 13. Read Acts 13: 4-12. Compare and contrast this with what Paul says in 2 Timothy 3: 2-9

Bottom Line – Summarize 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 in your own words

EXPERIENTIAL

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of 2 Timothy 3: 10-17

Eyes Open, Eyes Shut

This is a simple activity but you will need some supplies. Every person needs two pieces of paper, something to draw with and a blindfold (you could have them close their eyes if old enough but even for adults that is a hard temptation to fight). Have each person put their name on the paper and then turn to the other side. With the blindfold on, ask each person to draw a landscape picture with a house, trees, sun, clouds, bushes, and some animals. Give them enough time to finish without rushing. Before the blindfolds get taken off, collect the drawings. Now let them draw the same picture again this time with their eyes open. Ask some of these questions before handing them back their first drawing: Was it easier with eyes closed or open? Do you think the drawing with the eyes closed will be as good as with eyes open? Why or why not? Now hand back the drawings. Second round of questions: What's similar and different between these two? Why are we tempted to live like 2 Timothy 3: 1-9? (which was emulated by drawing with eyes closed). How can we more intentionally live like 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 (which was emulated by drawing with eyes open).

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

[His Mercy is More](#) - Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

This song reminds of how far we fall short of the glory of God because of our sin, but God is rich in mercy and grace and His mercy is much more than our sins.

I'm Pressing on the Upward Way – Mennonite Hymnal #582

Let this be your hearts plea this week.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is 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:

Heavenly Father, with whatever this week brings, we ask that You would strengthen us to imitate Christ in all our responses. As we spend time in your word, may your Spirit equip us for every good work. For your glory, In Jesus name. Amen.