

Study Guide for the Week of November 4, 2007

*This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. **For 2007 the study guide will help you read through the New Testament in a year.** Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Sermon manuscripts are available at www.spwired.com.*

Monday, November 5. Read 2 Timothy chapter 1. This chapter begins the second letter we have that Paul wrote to the young pastor, Timothy. Paul is writing to inspire Timothy as he serves in ministry and battles heresies in the faith. How does Paul inspire and encourage Timothy? How might Paul's words inspire and encourage you in your faith?

Tuesday, November 6. Read 2 Timothy chapter 2. In verses 20-21 Paul writes about different vessels, some ornate, others plain. How does this relate to our lives as followers of Jesus? What is Paul implying about our lives? How might Paul's advice about arguments help you in your daily life at work, at home, in your neighborhood, at church?

Wednesday, November 7. Read 2 Timothy chapter 3. This chapter begins with Paul giving a glimpse of the end times. How is his description similar or dissimilar to what we see around us today? In verse 5 Paul talks about having the outward form of religion but denying its power. What does this mean to you? How might we fall into this trap individually? As a church? What does Paul say about the persecution of followers of Jesus? What does Paul say about the value of scripture?

Thursday, November 8. Read 2 Timothy chapter 4. What parts of verses 1-5 speak to our society today? What speaks to your life personally? What elements of tenderness do you see in Paul's farewell? How might you live your life so that verses 6-8 could be said of you?

Friday, November 9. Read Titus chapter 1. We don't know a lot about Titus, the man to whom this letter is written, but we do know that he was one of Paul's most trusted and valuable helpers. When Paul faced some of his biggest challenges and worst persecutions, Titus was by his side offering support and protection. Paul sends Titus to Crete to be a role model of faith. Who have been role models of faith for you? How might you be a role model of faith for others?

Saturday, November 10. Read Titus chapter 2. We see in this chapter Paul's practical advice in how Titus is to interact with various people. Which group of people do you find yourself in? What is Paul's advice to you? Are you heeding that advice? What might be stopping you?

Sunday, November 11. Read Titus chapter 3. Paul describes the change that has happened in many people because they choose to follow Jesus Christ. What are some elements of that change? Have you seen in yourself some of the changes Paul describes? How do you celebrate this?