

The One Thing in Church

2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14 – 4:5

Big idea: Just as the Bible is the great necessity in the personal life and in the home, so it is the one thing necessary in church...



Connecting

Winter Olympics are on the way – are you planning to watch? Favorite sport?

Observation

How has preaching helped you? Can you think of changes it has made in your life?

Why do churches leave behind the Bible? What happens when they do so? Have you seen it happen?

Understanding

Read the passage. Who was Timothy?

What does it mean that God “breathed out” Scripture? How do you answer the person who says they can’t be a Christian because of the errors in the Bible?

How is it possible that a *book* could make it possible for Timothy or anyone else to “be equipped for every good work”?

Read Genesis 16:13, 14. What is it about hearing the voice of God that makes us feel like God sees us?

The time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching...What is it about preaching that makes it so odious to some people? (it’s also the very thing that also makes preaching so effective).

As a follow up to the above question, why is preaching different than every other form of word ministry? Why does this make it absolutely essential?

Living

What do you say to the person who says, “I can’t bring out the Bible at home – I’m too much of a hypocrite”? How do you answer them?

Next week: Read Colossians 3. What does it mean to let the word of God dwell in you richly?

Prayer together: