

Making Room in Our Lives for Children and Youth

2 Timothy 3:14-17

In two weeks we will get back to our study through the book of Romans. Over the next couple of weeks, however, we are focusing on our *Making Room* vision. As we prepare for the second phase of this project, we are excited to create spaces at Faith that better reflect how we do ministry with children and youth and so we're planning to "make room in our facilities" for children and youth. But even more importantly, we need to make room in our lives for the same. Today, we are going to look at 2 Timothy 3:14-17 to consider the type of influence that we hope to have in the lives of our children and youth.

Opening Question: Who is one person who had a significant positive influence on your life as you were growing up? How?

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

1. What insights do we find here about what had helped shape Timothy's life spiritually?
2. What is Paul's admonition to Timothy?
3. How is Scripture described in this passage?
4. How would you describe your experience with Scripture as a child?

5. What do you think might have given you a better experience in being shaped by the Scriptures as a child or youth?

6. Read 2 Tim. 1:5 and 3:10-11. Who influenced Timothy? And how did they influence him?

7. Steve offered three ways to make room in our lives for children and youth: (1) **attitude** (seeing children and youth as integral to our mission as a church; not a distraction from it); (2) **relationships** (each child and youth having a healthy relationship with adults in the church); and (3) **prayer** (purposing in our hearts to pray for our children and youth). What thoughts do you have about following through on any of these suggestions?