

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

## Sermon Date

29th August 2021: Alan Hulme

## Bible Passages

2 Timothy 3:16-17

## Theme & Introduction

The sermon addressed particular questions people had about the Bible. Alan gave some ideas on how to approach difficult passages – these notes are designed to help you try it for yourself.

## Questions

1. You will need to prepare for this study by asking people to bring along parts of the Bible that they struggle to understand or find difficult to interpret in 2021.
2. The questions Alan suggested you use are:
  - 0 **PRAY “Holy Spirit, help me”**

Spend some time asking the Holy Spirit to guide you as you open up the Bible. (*Jesus said, “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26 (NIV).”*)
  - 1 **Ask: What kind of literature am I reading?**

Is it history or poetry or theology or a letter or an eyewitness account etc? That will affect the way you read and understand it.
  - 2 **Ask: What date and culture was this written into?**

Use a Bible dictionary or “the Bible Book” by Nick Page to help you.  
**Ask: How does that relate to my culture?** How do the issues the passage raised for readers in its original culture relate to the culture we live in?
  - 3 **Where does this episode fit into the overall story of the Bible?** Don’t lose sight of the big picture of what God is doing in His world. How does the passage you are reflecting on fit into that?