

I LOVE JESUS, BUT HATE...

SERIES READING GUIDE

In the New Testament, there are 21 letters written by early Christian leaders to communities of Jesus' followers in the ancient Roman world. This daily reading guide will give you an opportunity to explore the letters written to Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, and their respective communities. While all of these letters are attributed to the Apostle Paul, scholars believe that the letter to Philemon is the only one to have actually been penned by him. The others were later works written in Paul's name.

Because of the controversial topics these letters cover (e.g. the nature of scripture, the role of women in the church, sexual morality) they offer a wonderful opportunity for you to consider your own relationship to the Bible and to think deeply about what it means to look for spiritual wisdom in a book whose values and cultural assumptions are often in deep conflict with our own (and not always for the better!).

For historical and literary overviews of how these letters fit into the story of scripture, please check out these excellent 5-minute videos by the Bible Project at hside.co/letterhist and hside.co/letterlit. If you have any questions about something you've read, please don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Tom at pastor@hillside-medford.org or Rev. Wendy at wendy@sanctuaryucc.org.

DATE

VERSE

SUN, SEP 20

Sunday Worship

MON, SEP 21

1 Timothy 1:1-11

TUE, SEP 22

1 Timothy 1:12-20

WED, SEP 23

1 Timothy 2:1-15

THU, SEP 24

1 Timothy 3:1-16

FRI, SEP 25

1 Timothy 4:1-16

SAT, SEP 26

1 Timothy 5:1-6:2a

SUN, SEP 27

Sunday Worship

MON, SEP 28

1 Timothy 6:2-21

TUE, SEP 29

2 Timothy 1:1-18

WED, SEP 30

2 Timothy 2:1-13

DATE

VERSE

THU, OCT 1

2 Timothy 2:14-26

FRI, OCT 2

2 Timothy 3:1-17

SAT, OCT 3

2 Timothy 3:16-17

SUN, OCT 4

Sunday Worship

MON, OCT 5

2 Timothy 4:1-22

TUE, OCT 6

Titus 1:1-16

WED, OCT 7

Titus 2:1-15

THU, OCT 8

Titus 3:1-15

FRI, OCT 9

Philemon 1:1-7

SAT, OCT 10

Philemon 1:8-25

SUN, OCT 11

Sunday Worship