

Liturgy for Sunday, Jan 17th Epiphany

5: **Opening Prayer** Open with prayer

25: Scripture Reading and Message Discussion Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 1:16; Titus 3:1; 1 John 4:1-4; Matthew 16:9 18:18; John 20:22-23

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Is there a thought that stuck out to you, or spoke to you, from this week's message? Is there a way you were comforted or confronted?
- 2. Read Ephesians 6:12. How do you think about the concept of spiritual warfare? Why is it important to think about it in not only an 'unseen' way, but also a 'seen' way?
- 3. What do you think about William Stringfellow's idea of an expansive understanding of 'principalities and powers'? He presents a large list, including: all institutions, ideologies, causes, corporation, bureaucracies, nations, idols, a company, a university, capitalism, Puritan work ethic, white supremacy, sports, sex, profession...' Why might he consider these things principalities and powers?
- 4. Consider your workplace or an organization you're involved in. What moral forces are at work in the place where you work? How do you sense or observe or discern them?
- 5. What questions does this message/conversation raise for you?

Practice for the week: Be attentive to what you're 'binding and loosing.'