



## Liturgy for Sunday, February 7th

### 5: Opening Prayer

Open with prayer

### 25: Scripture Reading and Message Discussion

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:14-19

Reflection Questions:

1. Is there a thought that stuck out to you, or spoke to you, from this week's message?
2. How do you understand the phrase in verse 15: "correctly handles the word of truth?" How is that similar or different to someone going ahead of you and 'clearing away the brush'?
3. How do you discern a 'correctly handled' teaching of scripture?
  - a. What do you think of John Stott's simple description of discernment:  
*"We would be wise to ask ourselves regarding every kind of teaching..."*
    - *What is its (the teachings) attitude toward God and*
    - *What effect it has upon others*  
*"The truth always honors God (promotes godliness) and always edifies its hearers."*
  - b. Is 'edification' always an 'encouraging' activity?
  - c. What about discerning by asking "how does this/does this lead me to Jesus?"
4. Is character/integrity a necessity in the life of those who guide and instruct others?
5. How is the use of words a way we participate in spiritual warfare?

Practice for the week: Be attentive to the alignment of your words with your heart (character and integrity).