Scripture this week:

2 Timothy 2:14-19

¹⁴Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. ¹⁶But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, ¹⁷and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. ¹⁹But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

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Help those who are holding and promoting bad theology.

- Do your absolute best, because this is really important to God, and He is the final judge of all of this
- Don't engage in non-profitable discussions
- Bad theology and unhealthy discussions are really destructive
- People who promote bad theology hurt people
- Do your absolute best, but never worry. God has this all, and those who get the truth will demonstrate it by their lives.

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Notes:

Life Group Questions: 2 Timothy 2:14-19

- 1. When Paul encourages Timothy to '*Remind them of these things*' in v. 14, who is the '*them*'?
- 2. In this context, what does it mean to be 'rightly handling the word of truth'?
- 3. How is the truth of v. 19 intended to comfort Timothy?
- 4. What is the difference between rightly representing the truth and 'quarreling about words'?
- 5. What kinds of theological gangrene are spreading today? What is the cost of silence? How do we stand for truth?
- 6. Is the truth that 'God knows those who are His' comforting to you? How?
- 7. How can we help prepare each other for difficult conversations?