

September 24

Rightly Handling Truth

2 Timothy 2:14-19

Discussion Win:

Understand the importance of our words and beliefs and their impact on disciple-making.

Discuss God's Word:

1. Our words should reflect the Bible. How does this passage and Eph. 4:29 shape how we talk?
2. How have you seen words encourage and discourage you?
3. Sometimes Christians get caught up in matters that distract from the Gospel and the mission (verse 14). Do you sense distractions like that in our group? What about at Providence? How should we readjust?
4. Look at verse 15. How do Christians present themselves as "one approved by God"? What does this mean? What does it require?
5. Discuss the significance of "rightly handling the Word of God." (verse 15). What steps can we take to ensure that we are accurately interpreting and communicating Scripture?
6. What is your process for interpreting the Bible? What questions do you have about understanding the Bible? As a group, share what you've learned and ask questions.
7. What we read in the Bible should be used to encourage others. What have you read recently that would be an encouragement to others right now?

Pass It On Challenge:

Teach someone how to read the Bible. Think about your spouse, children, friends, or coworkers. Use wisdom as you offer to share your Bibl-reading methods. Consider watching John Piper's *Look At The Book* on YouTube and discussing it together.