

## SERVANTS OF GOD IN A DIVIDED LAND 2 TIMOTHY 2:23-26

### Refuse foolish controversies 2 Timothy 2:23

*"But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels."*

- ζήτησις (zētēsis) – controversy, useless speculation, argument
- Proverbs 18:2 - "Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions."
- Foundations vs Opinions vs Incidentals

### Be kind and gentle with your opposition 2 Timothy 2:24-25a

*"The Lord's bondservant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition..."*

### Patiently wait for God to change their heart 2 Timothy 2:25b-26

*"...if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will"*

**Response:** Communion reminds us of our dependence on God and our ultimate allegiance to Him.