**2 Peter 1:3-8**

***"Christian Swordsmanship"***

**Discussion Questions**

1. Do you have a favorite sword-fighting scene from a movie? Do you think the movie sword fights resemble sword fighting in real battle?
2. What comes to mind when you hear the term “correctly handle the word of truth”? What do you think this would or should look like?
3. Is there any significance to Peter saying to possess the qualities he lists in *increasing measure? (*2 Peter 1:8) Would you agree or disagree that this order is representative of how most Christians grow?
4. Can you find any correlation between 1 Timothy 4:15, 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2 Peter 1:5? On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate your diligence in training? How do you think God would rate it?
5. Joshua and Ezra were given as two examples of exemplary swordsman. Can you think of others in the Bible? Can you think of others in your circle of life that might fit that description? If so, how did they get there?
6. Discuss 1 John 2:27. How do different versions of the Bible translate this verse? Would you agree or disagree that the diligent training is our responsibility, or would you agree or disagree that some of it is God’s responsibility?
7. Are there any situations in your life or in someone else’s life you know where use of the sword of truth might be needed, life saving or at least beneficial? Would you be able to apply the sword of truth to that situation with skill?