#### CROSSROADS CHURCH

# Listen | Week #03

Torn to Pieces by Swine   January 21 <sup>st</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>
Anchor Verse: Whoever answers before listening, theirs is folly and shame. Proverbs 18:13

#### What's the Issue Anyway?

We don't want to look	·	
Our brains wrongly tell us this is	Or	

We aren't good at discerning the \_\_\_\_\_\_ in our brains.

### What wisdom does scripture offer us?

Proverbs 26:4-5 Engagement with folly requires	not	
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Matthew 7:6 Be careful around \_\_\_\_\_\_ people.

Unsafe people have shown themselves worthy of your \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 10:5-15 Shake off the \_\_\_\_\_\_ to convince everyone of the truth.

Philemon 15-22 Some hills are worth \_\_\_\_\_\_ on.

### What about my everyday, peacemaking life?

Oppose with \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't worry about the last \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not weakness it's emotional strength.

\_\_\_\_\_ your "I am ok with you being wrong" smile and repertoire.

\_\_\_\_\_ the right to speak through love.

### How can this make me a better human and our world a better place?

We learn \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 27: 12-14)

We will have \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ for productive encounters.

## What is God inviting you into today?

- 1. Learn to be ok with others being wrong.
- 2. Learn to be ok with others thinking I am wrong.
- 3. Exercise self-care by discerning when I am about to throw my pearls to swine and disengage.

# **Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection**

- 1. Think of a time when you found yourself engaged in a heated argument, only to realize that it wasn't worth it. What happened to get you fired up? What happened to cause you to realize it wasn't worth it?
- 2. What types of things do you think Jesus had in mind when he talked about not throwing pearls to swine? What might it look like today to throw your pearls to swine only to get trampled and torn to pieces?
- 3. What are some "I am ok with you being Wrong" scripts you use or could use to help you disengage?
- 4. What are some signs that help you discern that a conversation is a good use of time and energy? What would a productive encounter with someone you hold opposing views look like?

