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Big Idea: We should have nothing to do with a religion that is powerless to change our minds and transforms our hearts.

Key Scriptures: 2nd Timothy 3; Romans 12:1-2

1. What was your main takeaway from this message?
2. We are called to worship God, love people, and use things, but when we do not allow Scripture to change our minds, we end up worshipping ourselves, using people, and loving things. Read through verses 2-4. Which of these traits is the one you struggle with most?
3. Read verse 5. The word 'form' talks about outward appearance without inner reality. What reality is Paul describing? How much of an issue do you think this is today?
4. In verses 6-9, Paul describes the behavior of so-called Christian teachers. Verse 8 describes how they got off track – their mind was corrupted. It also describes the impact this has: their ministry was worthless. How do Christians allow their minds to be corrupted today? What impact is this having on the state of the church?
5. Paul says that the false teachers' ministry was worthless. The fact that he writes so passionately about them suggests that their ministry was bearing fruit in Ephesus. There was a spiritual reality Paul claimed was true despite what Timothy was experiencing. Can you think of a time when what you were experiencing seemed counter to what was true? How did you navigate that season? What did you do to help you through it?
6. Part of Paul's answer to the previous questions was for Timothy to look at his example. Noting the seven expressions of Paul's way of life from verse 10, which do you find the hardest to live out? Why do you think that is?
7. Read verses 14-17. What does engaging with Scripture do for you? [Note: as hard as it may be, I encourage you to be as open as the group you share these questions with is safe. Not everyone finds Scripture easy to engage with, but sharing the struggle is part of experiencing the joy].
8. With verse 8 in mind, why do you think Paul used rebuke, correct, and discipline to describe what Scripture does?
9. Can you be rebuked? Do you have a devotional life where you can be rebuked, corrected, and disciplined? How significant of a challenge is this for you?