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Understand Your Culture

2 Timothy 3:1-17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you were a child, who was your hero? Why did you admire that person?
2. What about today's sermon really stood out to you? What do you want to discuss?
3. How does an awareness of the nature of temptation help us fight it? Which temptation – narcissism, hedonism, or materialism – is most difficult for you?
4. Can you force someone to freely show love to another person? How else does secular society address this problem? What does Christianity say?
5. Why was Jesus angrier with religious hypocrites than with non-religious people? Read Matthew 23:23-28. Why did He call them "blind"? Why "vipers"?
6. How does reading about Christians who have suffered bring you encouragement? Whose stories have been particularly helpful for you?
7. Are you experiencing opposition because of your Christian faith? Are there things you could do to avoid it? Increase it? Which course of action should you take?
8. How does it help to know that the more closely we follow Christ, the more likely we will encounter opposition and persecution?
9. Which is more encouraging for you – finding a person who is a good example to follow or knowing that the Holy Spirit empowers you to follow that example?
10. What are some practical changes you're going to make this week in light of today's message? How will you go about implementing them into your life?