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2. Do you agree that pursuing holiness can actually change the way we think? Have you experienced this in your own walk with God?
3. Why is rejecting worldliness so important if we want to be transformed into Christ's image? What "justifications" have you heard for embracing worldliness? What was their effect?
4. Why does Paul equate spiritual maturity with being able to recognize what is and isn't from God? Do you agree? Why? How do we grow in this kind of discernment?
5. What did you learn about the concept of proving God's will? Why does transformation enable us to recognize, demonstrate, and affirm God's will?
6. How does this passage challenge the notion that our behaviors don't really impact our relationship with God?
7. Why is expository preaching so important in spiritual formation? Discuss this approach to preaching in contrast with others. Is one approach really better than another? Why?
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