

Icebreakers:

1. What is a job you would LOVE to have if you could, and why?
2. What is a job you would NEVER want, and why?

Sermon Summary: We become spiritually unhealthy when we choose to follow leaders with awful teaching and despicable character. Before long we find ourselves consumed with the wrong priorities, focusing on worthless distractions instead of our true purpose as believers in Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever had a trusted friend or mentor offer you a harsh diagnosis on some aspect of your spiritual life? How did you take it?
2. If you are ever in the same position to do the same for someone else, how would you do it?

\*You've Chosen the Wrong Leaders

3. PT suggests that the "circumcision party" may have become influential in Crete because of their impressive credentials or charismatic personalities. When you're choosing a leader to follow, how important should credentials and personality be? How important should their teaching and character be?
4. Why do we humans seem to be drawn to the message that salvation equals Jesus PLUS something?
5. What are some of the things we are told we need add to our faith in Jesus for salvation in 2020?
6. When you sense the message that you need to add something to simple faith in Christ, are you the type to scramble to comply, or are you the type who just gives up under the pressure? Why is that, do you think?
7. What's the biblically appropriate way to evaluate the teachers that present themselves for our consideration?
8. Are there advantages to raising teachers up from within your congregation versus going outside the community to find a teacher? Disadvantages?

\*You are Consumed with the Wrong Priorities

9. How can you figure out whether a theological debate/discussion/argument is profitable or worthless?
10. Do you think we get distracted by pointless debates on purpose, to avoid doing the work we have to do, or is it merely accidental?



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## Developing a Healthy Faith

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# A Harsh Diagnosis

Titus 1:10-16, 3:8-9

Introduction: Before we can truly buy in to the solution to our unhealthiness, we need to have a clear idea of how bad things really are.

## Paul's Diagnosis

■ You have chosen the wrong \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ Their \_\_\_\_\_ is awful. (1:14)

⇒ Their \_\_\_\_\_ is despicable. (1:10, 11, 12, 15, 16)

■ You are consumed with the wrong \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ Focused on \_\_\_\_\_ (3:9)

⇒ Neglected your \_\_\_\_\_ (3:8)

Conclusion: It's hard to evaluate the leaders we are following and to investigate our priorities, but it's the first step towards spiritual health.