

Life Group Questions

(1 Thessalonians 4:1-12)

1. How much do you think people are influenced by what they watch on television and social media? How do the media influence our attitudes about sex? How is sex viewed by the people you know and work with?
2. What instructions had Paul given to the Thessalonians when he was with them? What did Paul urge his audience to do?
3. What does sanctification mean? How does Paul's call to sanctification apply to our lives today?
4. In verse 6 Paul uses very strong language. He tells the Thessalonians that God will avenge all such transgressions and reminds them that he has given this solemn warning in the past. Considering that Paul is writing to Christians, why do you think it is appropriate to give warnings like this?
5. What are God's desires for our sexuality? How is the Christian's sexual conduct to be different from that of the non-Christian? (4:3-8)
6. What command of God were the Thessalonians known for obeying? Given Paul's commendation of the Thessalonians' love for one another, why does he tell them to love one another even more? How does the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit enable you to love others? (4:8-10)
7. Discuss the implications of leading a "quiet life" as stated in 1 Thessalonians 4:11. How does it contradict or align with modern societal values?
8. Give some specific examples of how Christians can work with their hands in such a way that their work points to Christ.