

Small Group Discussion Guide — Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

- In what ways have you wrestled with the question: “what is God’s will for my life?” How have you been helped in answering that question?
- How should knowing that God’s revealed will for our lives is clearly addressed in the Bible help us as we live the Christian life? How might explicit statements about God’s will, like in vs. 3, help us with some of the other areas of life that the Bible doesn’t address? (college choices, marriage, job, etc.)
- Are there areas of your life right now where you feel that you aren’t walking in a way that pleases God? What came to mind this morning? How might we help or pray for one another to walk in obedience in these areas?
- What is sanctification? Why is it so important that the Christian does not confuse the doctrine of justification and the doctrine of sanctification?
- Paul gives three exhortations that relate to sexual purity:
 - Abstain from sexual immorality (vs. 3b)
 - Practice self-control (vs. 4-5)
 - Do not wrong your brother (vs. 6a)
 - Which one stood out to you most, and why?
- Paul also gives three motivations for why we should pursue sexual purity:
 - God is an avenger (vs. 6b)
 - You were called to holiness (vs. 7)
 - This is not the command of men, but the command of God (vs. 8)
 - Which one stood out to you most, and why?
- Joshua challenged us with having a plan to pursue for sexual purity with “*fleeing*” and “*fighting*.” What did each of these mean? How do Christians do these in the power of the Holy Spirit?
- What is your plan for fighting sexual sin? What strategies have been most helpful for you in this area?