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STUDY GUIDE

Week 7

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

This Week: Apply 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Pray that Jesus would help you believe and grow.

- 1) 1 Thess 4:1-8 focuses on holiness and sexual morality. How does the call to brotherly love in 3:12 and 4:9 guide a life of holiness?
- 2) Sanctification / holiness looks like "controlling your own body" in v.4 (and not out of control desires in v.5). How does self-control help us to love others? Share with a trusted accountability partner how they can pray for you in this area.
- 3) Verses 6-8 are intense warnings. How can we take this seriously for ourselves and still show grace to our non-Christian friends? (see also 1 Cor. 5:9-13)

Whom do you need to continue to pray for and share truth with?

Suggested Bible Study Habits:

- 1) **PRAY** the Holy Spirit will teach you and change you.
- 2) **OBSERVE** the text. Read it and re-read it. Answer who, what, when, where, why, and how questions of the passage. Is there a structure? What is the context?
- 3) **INTERPRET** what it says about God or the condition of mankind. Is there any mention of grace? Is our need of it implied? Are there any cross references to consider? Why was this portion written? How do other portions of scripture help to interpret this one? What do gifted teachers say about this text? How can I understand this passage in a way that makes more of Jesus?
- 4) **APPLY** the scripture to daily life. Are there any commands to obey, examples to follow, or promises to trust? Does the passage expose any error in my beliefs or behavior? How does the text lead me to interact with others? What is the passage calling me to do?

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