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STUDY GUIDE

Week 8

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

This Week: Apply 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Pray that Jesus would help you believe and grow.

- 1) Compare 1 Thess 3:11-13, 4:1, and 4:9-10. How can you grow in loving others?
- 2) How does hard work and "minding your own business" help us to love others? (1 Thess. 4:11)
- 3) How does financial independence help us to love others? (1 Thess. 4:12) What would be next steps of getting on a healthy budget or giving more generously?

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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