

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12

For Starting

- What *three* things would you do if you were invisible?
- Who is the most interesting person you've met while travelling?
- If the church had a mascot, what would it be? Why?
- What sticks out to you in this passage?

For Reviewing

- How should we live our daily lives (v.1-2)?
- What does it mean to be "sanctified" (v.3)? See John 17:17; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 1:6.
- What should we seek to control each day (v.4-6)?
- What does Paul say is the consequence of not living a holy life? Who are we rejecting (v.7-8)?
- What action does Paul the Thessalonians to do "more and more" (v.9-10)? Why?
- What does Paul say should be a Christians ambition in life (v.11)? Do you think this is achievable and realistic?
- What should our daily lives seek to do (v.12)?

For Discussion

- What do you think are the biggest challenges to living a holy life?
- In what ways does holiness please God?
- What are the characteristics of a church that lives in Christian harmony? Which ones are seen in our church?
- In what ways does working hard keep us honest?
- What is the difference between dependance and interdependence? What should we do as Christians today?
- You could end by reading together 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12.

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12 (NIVUK)

Living to Please God

¹ Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honourable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no-one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

⁹ Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.

¹¹ Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.