

# Small Group Study Questions: Living to Please God

## 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

### General Observation:

1. What personally stood out to you most from the passage in 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12?
2. How would you summarise the main **message** of this text in one sentence?
3. How would you reframe the main message of the sermon into a question?
4. What would the answer to (3) be? Is this involve relationship with Jesus? If not, try again (!)

### Understanding the Message:

1. In verse 1, Paul urges the Thessalonians to "walk and to please God." What does he mean by this, and how does it relate to our relationship with Jesus?
2. The sermon mentions three ways to live to please God. What are they, and how does Paul explain each one in the text? How are they related to relationship?
4. What does Paul mean when he says the Thessalonians have been "taught by God to love one another" (v. 9)? How does this relate to the fruit of the Spirit?

### Personal Application:

1. The sermon suggests that "holiness is not repression—it's preparation." How does this perspective change your view of pursuing holiness in your own life?
2. Paul encourages believers to "love one another" and to do so "more and more" (v. 10). In what areas of your life do you find it challenging to show love to others, and how can you grow in this?
3. How does the idea of the church being a "preview of heaven's community" (based on v. 9-10) challenge or encourage you in your relationships with other believers?

### Action Steps:

1. What does "living quietly" mean and how can you implement this?