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Study guide



1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

For Individuals and Life Groups

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## Introduction:

How does eternity influence how we live our lives today? How does the future impact the present? Join us for a six week study of Paul's first letter to followers of Jesus in the ancient Greek city of Thessalonica, and discover how we can "encourage one another" in the midst of challenging times.

Paul, Silas and Timothy writing from the city of Corinth sent a letter to the church in Thessalonica. Thessalonica, a city of around 200,000 was an important city in the Roman Empire. It was a hub for trade routes and held merchants from many different ethnic backgrounds.

## Into the scriptures



Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What encouragement mixed with challenge did Paul speak to?

What was the problem with sexual immorality that Paul was addressing? What was happening in the church?

What kind of life was he calling the Thessalonians to live?

What does not depending on anybody look like in the context of this passage?



## Into my life



The word sanctification is used in this passage. From the following verses develop an understanding of sanctification (Sometimes translated as holiness). —Romans 6:19, 22; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2; Deuteronomy 7:6; 1 Peter 2:9—

How have we been influenced as Christians by the perspective of sexuality in our culture? What can we do to be sanctified (set apart) in this area? See Ephesians 5:21-33.

How do you think your life is perceived by those around you? How do you express love to your brothers and sisters in Christ?

How will I be different this week because of what I've just read?



## Into the world

What steps can you take to “win the respect” of those who don't know Jesus? (Pray for each other in this.



### Prayer List



### Challenge for the week:

From 1 Thessalonians my challenge this week is to:



### More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/13-1-thessalonians-introduction-outline-and-argument>



### A little about Westwood Church...

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