

CLARITY

discussion guide

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Gospel | The Gospel Call to Purity

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BELONG

What kind of thing are you likely to forget about and need frequent reminders?

GROW

Most people in church at Thessalonica were Gentiles who had trusted in Jesus after growing up in other religious beliefs and likely held very different standards regarding many things, including sexuality. [Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8](#). What guiding principles do you see in Paul's commands and warnings?

Based on the way Paul addressed things in this section, how were the Thessalonian Christians living? (Consider the end of verse 1.) Why do you think that Paul felt like these topics needed special attention if the people were generally doing well already?

What does "sanctification" (used in verse 3) mean for followers of Jesus? How does this passage help clarify its meaning for us?

Going Deeper: To learn more about sanctification, explore the following passages and discuss what each says on the topic: [Leviticus 20:8](#), [John 17:15-17](#), [Romans 15:15-16](#), [1 Corinthians 6:11](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:23](#).

What is God's design for sexuality? How does God's design conflict with what is acceptable in our culture? What does this mean for Christians who desire to follow Jesus today? Why is it worth pursuing God's design? How does Paul's commands and warnings from [1 Thessalonians 4](#) help us today?

Pause for prayer and allow time for private confession to God regarding any sexual sins and ask God for forgiveness. Be specific. Ask Him to grant the strength to overcome any temptation in this area.

What practical measures can you take (or are you taking) to live a sexually holy life? Where can a person who seeks to follow God's design find help?

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Sunday	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Monday	Hebrews 4:14-5:10; Psalm 132:1-7; Proverbs 28:19-21
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:11-6:20; Psalm 132:8-18; Proverbs 28:22-24
Wednesday	Hebrews 7:1-28; Psalm 133-134; Proverbs 28:25-28
Thursday	Hebrews 8:1-13; Psalm 135:1-9; Proverbs 29:1-3
Friday	Hebrews 9:1-28; Psalm 135:10-21; Proverbs 29:4-6
Saturday	Hebrews 10:1-18; Psalm 136:1-7; Proverbs 29:7-9

serve

Echelon

Echelon is the youth version of the Salvation Army. The Army realized they were not reaching the younger generation and, as a result, created something that is tailored towards young adults. On December 9 there will be an event supporting the Salvation Army and Angel Tree. Click [here](#) to sign up for one of the two time slots on December 9. The time will be spent sorting and sending Angel Tree gifts that were purchased in the area. More information about this ministry can be found by clicking [here](#).

pray

Pray for global workers, Kevin and Cynthia, that the ISCA house would stay healthy and students would be able to connect with new students on campus.