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1 Thessalonians - "The Coming of the Lord"

Session 10

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (NKJV)

"How you Ought to Walk"

Paul now moves into a completely different dialogue with the Thessalonians. This begins the "Instruction" section of his love letter to the believer. Remember in vs. 10 he mentioned that he wanted to see them face to face in order to perfect what was lacking. While he couldn't get to Thessalonica, he still knew they needed further instruction in order to complete their discipleship. And its not surprising that the first topic has to do with sexual immorality especially since we know that many in Thessalonica worshipped their gods by having relationships with the temple prostitutes at the local "Church". And not surprising either is the fact that there is nothing new under the sun...much of our society is trapped in sexual immorality...even the church.

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:1

Paul exhorts the believers to "Abound more and more". From this verse what does this do for God? What area's can you abound more and more in your own walk with the Lord?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:3

The age old question that many believers have had...What is the Will of God for my life? In this verse there can be no mistaking the answer to that question. What does Sanctification mean to you? How would you describe sexual immorality?

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

In this passage Paul speaks of the fruit of the spirit. What is the last fruit spoken of? How does this fruit relate to verse 4 of our passage in Thess? When faced with the issue of sexual immorality, what is the number one way I can prevent this from happening in my life?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:7

According to this verse, what have we all been called to? How would you describe that we have been called to?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:8a

What is the definition of “rejecting God” to you?
How often to find yourself rejecting what you have been told or have read in God’s word?

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:8b

When we make the decision to abstain from sexual immorality by exercising self-control, according to this verse, what is the power source available to all believers?

Group Discussion:

Every man who has walked this earth except One has struggled with sexual immorality...it is a byproduct of the fall. But using that as an excuse would be a cop out! Discuss with your brothers what the real reason is when we stumble in the area of sexual immorality...especially in the context of pornography. Discuss with your brothers the ways in which you have gained victory over the flesh in your own lives as a way of exhorting each other and encouraging each other in every mans battle.

Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.