

## **Suggested Discussion Questions for 9/17/2023**

### **Message: Thriving with the Thessalonians, pt 6, (1 Thes. 4:1-8)**

1. Share a way God has been recently stirring your heart to seek and follow Him.
2. Sometimes we just want to ride on our past, assume we've come far enough, or slack off for a bit. What helps you respond to Paul's "excel still more" encouragement in this passage?
3. Living to please God seems like such a simple and obvious goal. Why and how does it become difficult?
4. Read Matthew 28:18-20. How does this link conversion with conformity to Christ? What is another passage that does the same? Why is it vital that we don't separate them?
5. Paul makes our sexuality a matter of sanctification. How is this significant to us, especially in a culture that generally views it very differently?
6. What do you see as the most important teaching in this text about God's plan for our sexuality?
7. Paul gives 3 motivations for living with sanctified sexuality. What are they? Why is each important?
8. How is verse 8 helpful in addressing a culture that takes a very cavalier attitude toward their sexual practices?
9. What would you like to discuss from this passage that hasn't been addressed?
10. What is one step you would like to take this week to go forward in your walk with God?