

Sermon Discussion Guide

Pleasing God through Holy Living

1 Thessalonians 4:1–8

The goal of holy living (1–3a)

- How can a believer's imperfect obedience be pleasing to God?
- How does knowing that your obedience as a believer is pleasing to God change the way you think about God's commands?
- What is sanctification?

An application of holy living (3b–6a)

- Why did Paul emphasize the need to avoid sexual immorality?
- How does knowing that you are no longer a slave to sin (see Rom. 6:1–14) help you deal with the various temptations you encounter from the world, the flesh, and the devil?

The motivations for holy living (6b–8)

- Why does Scripture use warnings like the one found in verse 6 to motivate us to holy living?
- Where does the power for holy living come from?
- How does the Holy Spirit help us grow in holiness?