

Sermon Discussion Questions for September 29, 2019

Transformed – Pleasing God in the area of sexual purity – I Thessalonians 4:1-8

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. Do we have specific instructions on how to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to God? Where? Who does Paul point out as the Authority behind these instructions? vs. 1-2.
 3. Growing in holiness (sanctification) is not stagnant. In 4:1, what words does Paul use to demonstrate this statement? (urge, exhort, abound more and more, walk).
 4. To what is sanctification tied to in verse 3? (the will of God). How does the Bible define sexual immorality? What does Paul say must be learned in verse 4?
 5. What practices are warned against in verses 5-7? What is God's design for sexual expression? What are consequences for those habitually practicing sexual immorality?
 6. Are sexual behaviors subject to be reevaluated over time and from culture to culture? Is there a moving target when it comes to what is "acceptable" sexual behavior? If biblical sexual purity is rejected, who ultimately is being rejected? See verse 8.
 7. How are you being influenced by the culture when it comes to appropriate sexual behavior? Are you holding firm to Jesus' teaching on sexual morality or allowing culture to shift your thinking? Does not taking a stand on these issues mean succumbing to the culture's views? Does God view fornication, adultery, lust, or homosexuality any differently as far as sexual sin is concerned?
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.