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Week 10- Purity- Why does God call you to holiness?

Main Idea:

God longs for us to live set apart lives. As our creator and our father, he knows what is best for us. In order to truly live set apart, we must begin to see God as bigger and better than everything else.

Principles:

God calls us to live holy: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3

1. God instructs us to live holy. If we follow Christ, we should act, feel and think differently than the world.
2. God doesn't give us instruction because he is a lofty dictator. He gives us instruction because he is a loving Father. God knows what is best for us and he gives us direction to help us live in a way that is honoring to him and beneficial for us.
3. In this passage, Paul chooses staying away from sexual sin as one of the ways to live a holy life. Much like our world today, the people he was writing to were surrounded by sex. Sexual sin was one of the common things that people chose over God.

Application:

1. We may not always understand or see fully how God is bigger and better but we must walk by faith.
2. We need community. In order to have power in the moment to choose God over sin, we need people surrounding us. We have to be around other people who think God is bigger and better.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things you choose because you think they are bigger and better? Chick-Fil-A, Clemson, Carolina, Samsung or Apple, Hydroflask or Camelbak, etc.
2. What are some ways you are tempted to think the world's plan for sex is better than God's plan?
3. What is a time where you chose to follow God because you thought it was the bigger and better option?
4. When you think about your participation in small group, are you more engaged and vulnerable or present and closed off?
5. Is there a moment recently where you felt empowered to follow Jesus because of your Christian friends?



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Questions for parents to ask their students:

1. What person or thing are you drawn to because you think they are bigger and better than God?
2. How does your phone tempt you to choose sin?
3. What ways do you use social media to find affirmation and validation?
4. How can we, as your parents, help you be “set apart” and choose God over sin?