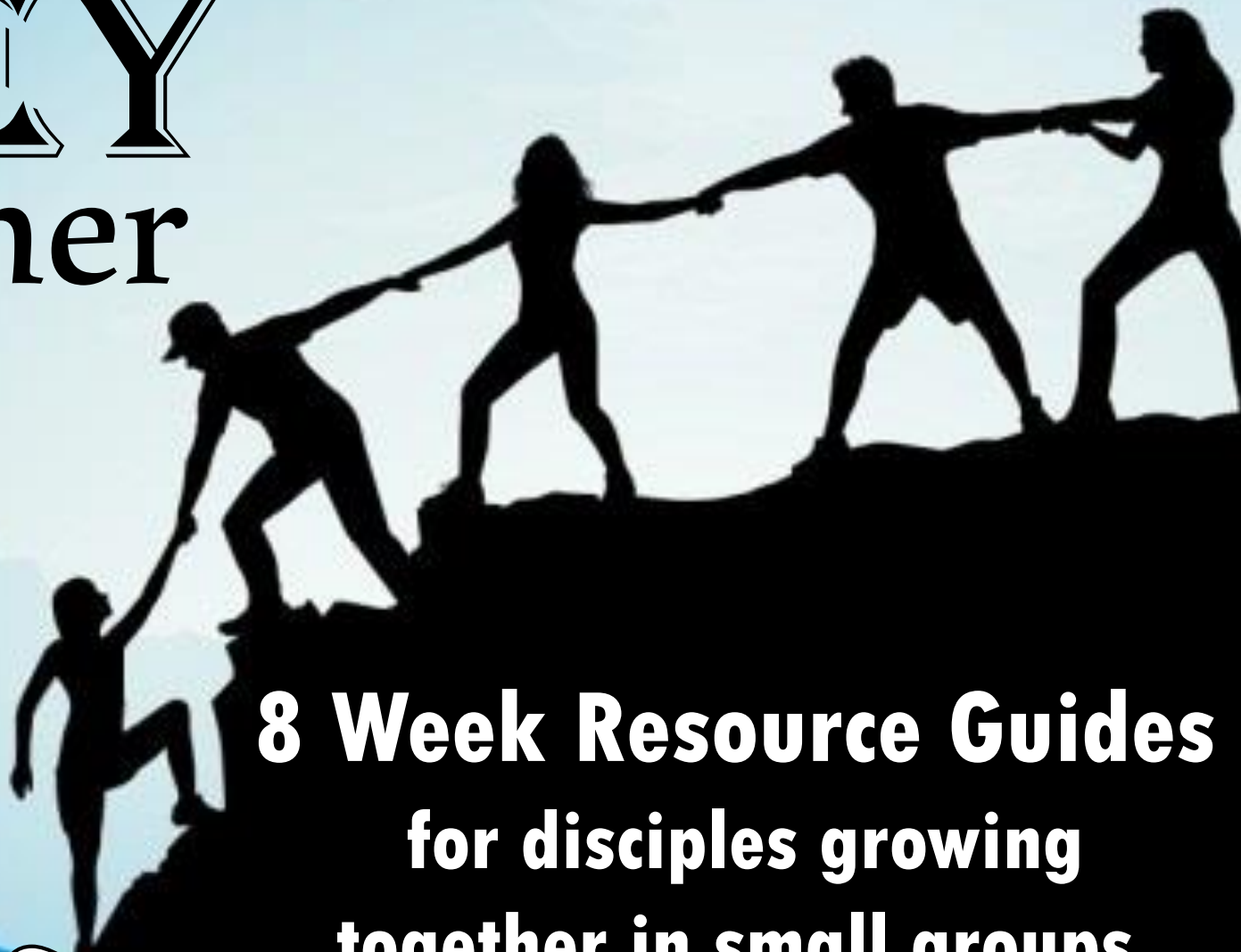



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LESSON 6 - CHAPTER 4

Step 1: GET REAL

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What are you thankful for from this past week?

What struggles did you face this past week?

What can you share from recent personal Bible reading or thoughts?

Step 2: GET FED

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-12; EPHESIANS 5:3; 1 PETER 2:7; PROVERBS 7:10, 21-27

- **WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU PERSONALLY FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-12**
- **HOW DOES OUR CULTURE'S VIEW TOWARD SEX DIFFER FROM GOD'S INTENTION FOR IT AS SHOWN IN HIS WORD?**
- **VERSES 3 AND 4 STATE THAT IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT WE BE SANCTIFIED, SPECIFICALLY BY AVOIDING SEXUAL SIN. WHAT INSTRUCTIONS DOES GOD GIVE IN VERSES 4-7 TO HELP US AVOID SEXUAL IMMORALITY?**
- **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SEXUALLY IMMORAL? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF IT?**
- **VERSE 6 SAYS THAT "IN THIS MATTER NO ONE SHOULD WRONG OR TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A BROTHER OR SISTER." WHAT DOES PAUL MEAN BY THIS? WHO DOES SEXUAL SIN HURT?**
- **BESIDES WHAT IS STATED HERE, WHAT OTHER INSTRUCTIONS DO WE FIND IN SCRIPTURE ABOUT HOW TO "AVOID" SEXUAL IMMORALITY? (I.E. 1 CORINTHIANS 6:18; 2 TIMOTHY 2:22; GENESIS 39:8-10)**
- **HOW CAN WE EMPHASIS THE NEED TO "AVOID SEXUAL IMMORALITY" (V3) WHILE NOT NEGLECTING THE TRUTH THAT SEX WITHIN MARRIAGE IS A WONDERFUL GIFT FROM GOD? WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?**
- **HOW SHOULD SEXUALITY FIT INTO OUR IDENTITY AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST?**

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-12; EPHESIANS 4:28; 1 JOHN 4:7-12

- **HOW WERE THEY "TAUGHT BY GOD TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER?" HOW HAS GOD TAUGHT YOU TO LOVE OTHER?**
- **GOD INSTRUCTED THEM AND US TO "MAKE IT YOUR AMBITION TO LEAD A QUIET LIFE" AND THAT "YOU SHOULD MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS." (V11) HOW IS THIS COUNTER TO OUR CULTURE AND IN OUR SOCIETY, WHAT GETS IN THE WAY OF PEOPLE DOING THIS?**
- **WHY DOES OUR DAILY LIFE NEED TO "WIN THE RESPECT OF OUTSIDERS"? WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO "MINDING OUR OWN BUSINESS" AND "WORKING WITH OUR HANDS?" (V12)**

Step 3: GET ACTIVE

SHARE HOW YOU ARE BEING MADE HOLY

READ: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:9

LOVE OTHERS AS GOD HAS LOVED YOU

(1) THINK OF AT LEAST THREE WAYS THAT GOD HAS SHOWN LOVE TO YOU THAT YOU CAN SHOW TO OTHERS THIS WEEK. (FOR EXAMPLE, FORGIVE AS CHRIST FORGAVE YOU, ENCOURAGE AS GOD HAS ENCOURAGED YOU, GIVE AS GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU, COMFORT AS GOD HAS COMFORTED YOU, HELP SOMEONE IN NEED AS GOD HELPED YOU, ETC.)

(2) PRACTICE SHOWING LOVE IN THE THREE (OR MORE) WAYS YOU THINK OF THIS WEEK.