

7. How do Paul's commands go beyond "prohibitions?" How are they positive and what principles do the prohibitions point towards? How can we grow in our "brotherly love" for one another?

8. How have you seen gossip, idleness, and divisiveness cause hurt in the church and in the church's witness?

9. What is the difference between being in need and being idle as Paul talks about here?

Extra Space for Extra Notes: Good for you!

Welcome to CSC! (10/8/2025) 1 Thess 4:1-12

Memory Verses this semester:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Review: Fear and Faith on the Frontier

Today: Sanctification, Brotherly Love, Gospel Witness

4:1-2 Christians are _____ maturing.

4:3-8 Sanctification and God's Desire

Sanctification:

Latin and Greek

OT and NT Usage

Technical vs. Practical Meanings

Ephesians 2:10, Romans 12:2, 1 Cor. 1:2

God's Desire:

Order and goodness

Sanctification and Sexual _____.

Cultural Comparisons

High View or Low View?

Negative Commands

Adultery, Fornication, Porn.

Scriptural analysis reveals marriage between one man and one woman.

Positive Commands

Verse 7

Verse 6

Verse 5

Verse 4

Possess your own Vessel...

Context, Scriptural Usage, Theology

4:9-12: Brotherly Love and Gospel Witness

Brotherly Love: Aim even higher!

Oxymoron: make it your _____ to have no ambition.

Do not be busybodies.

Do not be Idle

We are made Holy.

We are set apart for a specific work: the gospel.

Small Group Questions and Resources

*Please keep in mind that small groups are not expected to get through all of these questions. They are not required to “get through” any of them. Rather, please take these questions as an optional guide to help digest the message.

1. What did you learn about sanctification today? Is the distinction between the theological and practical helpful? In what ways does it collapse?
2. In what ways do you see purpose and sanctification run through the entirety of the biblical message? How has God created and redeemed us for good works?
3. How is WIU similar to and different from the Greco-Roman context? How have you seen your peers, friends, classmates, and "influencers" live in harmful ways? How have you been tempted to follow in their footsteps? What kinds of guardrails have you set up in your life to avoid those temptations?
4. Why does God care about sex at all? How does this question relate to the questions above about creation and redemption?
5. Were the interpretive tools of theology, scripture interpreting scripture, and context helpful? How can we use these to rightly understand what is being said? If we didn't use these tools what might we think about what Paul is saying?
6. How does the principle of Christian marriage (heterosexual monogamy) go against other ideas of marriage and or sexuality? How have you encountered this in your classes and lives?

Questions continued on back.