

1 THESS. 4:1-8

“CONTINUE”

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 CONTINUE TO DO MORE

- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2. How/what had Paul, Silas, and Timothy modeled for the Thessalonian believers (see 2:10-12)?
- What did Paul mean when he said “do so more and more?”
- Why is it critical to always be growing in our Christian lives?

#2 CONTINUE TO LIVE DIFFERENT

- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7. What does sanctification mean and why is it so important?
- Paul mentions holiness twice in these verses. What is the difference between positional and practical holiness?
- Why is it so important for Christians to live differently than non-Christians? Why is it so hard sometimes?

#3 CONTINUE TO HEED WARNINGS

- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:6-8. What warnings had Paul given the Thessalonians, and what warnings/reminders was he giving here? (see 2:4-5, 12: 3:13)
- What does it mean “the Lord is an avenger?”
- Warnings are important in life. Take a minute and make a list of some of the warnings God gives us in His Word (e.g. Proverbs 16:25, Matthew 12:36, Matthew 18:6, Hebrews 9:27).

#4 CONTINUE TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE SPIRIT

- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:8. What did Paul tell them to not disregard?
- Christians have the Holy Spirit inside of them. What does this mean and why/how must we listen to the Spirit? (e.g. Romans 8:11, Galatians 5:16-26)
- Discuss this statement: “The Holy Spirit is God’s agent on earth, yet He is the least understood member of the Trinity.”