

The Joy of Holiness
1 Thessalonians 4:4-8
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Questions - These are a guide and conversation starter, not a script.

1. What is the danger of talking about sex only in terms of sexual sin? Why must we also affirm God's good gift of sex as He meant it be enjoyed? How might we properly disciple our young ones to understand this subject as God meant it to be understood?

2. In v. 5, what does it mean to know God? How is our lack of knowledge of God the root of our sexual sin? Read Romans 1:18-32. In this passage, how does Paul ground sexual sin in someone's lack of knowledge of God? How is cultivating a deep relationship with the Lord the only true way to overcome this sin?

3. How does sexual sin harm those around us (v. 6)? How does our holiness in this area of our lives bless those around us? How does this give us motivation to live holy lives?

4. V. 7 says that God has called us "*in* holiness". What does this mean?

5. God gave us the Holy Spirit so that we might live holy lives (v. 8). How does self-effort lead to frustration and failure? How does dependence on the Lord lead to victory and growth?

6. Verse 4 says that each person must know how to control their vessels - both their bodies and souls. What does this look like for you individually?