



Topeka Bible Church
Waiting for Something to Happen: The Thessalonian Letters
#6: While Waiting ... Maintain Sexual Purity
Community Group Study Questions
1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 and selected passages

1. Why do so many Christians struggle to exercise self control in is the area of sexuality? Why is pursuing sexual purity one of the most loving things that a Christian can do (*1 Thessalonians 4:6a; Leviticus 25:17; Galatians 5:14*)?

2. What is God's will for our lives (*1 Thessalonians 4:3a; Romans 6:22; 2 Thessalonians 2:13*)? How many times are terms like "sanctified" or "holy" repeated in the first 8 verses of *1 Thessalonians 4*? What are the authors emphasizing?

3. What hinders "sanctification" or "holiness" (*1 Thessalonians 4:3-4*)? How can failing to know God lead one into sexual immorality (*1 Thessalonians 4:5*; cf. *Romans 1:22-26; Ephesians 4:17-19*)?

4. How do we explain sexual immorality in the lives of those who do know God (cf. *Romans 7:18-20*)? Why is this area of sinful behavior such a concern in the Bible (cf. *1 Corinthians 6:18; Ephesians 5:3; Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 5:3-6; 6:24-26*)?

