



# C O N T R A S T

A STUDY IN 1 THESSALONIANS

## When Quiet is Loud

October 20, 2024 | 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

### Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*\*\* Before you begin, please read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12*

1. Icebreaker: Share a time in your life when a seemingly small action made a big, disproportionate difference.
2. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 highlights the importance of love that Christians are to show one another. Read the following passages and discuss what they add to your understanding of biblical love:
  - John 13:34-35
  - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
  - 1 John 4:7-12
3. Why do you think Paul urges the Thessalonians to love this way “more and more” — even if it’s something they were already doing?
4. In 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, Paul also highlights the value of “quiet living.” Using language straight from these verses, what does this look like (v.11) and what does difference can this make (v. 12)?
5. What might this sort of “quiet living” look like today, in your life?
6. Does v. 12 mean Christians shouldn’t be vocal about their faith or take firm stands on biblically-faithful convictions? Explain your answer.
7. Describe someone you know whose life is marked by the love and faithfulness we read about in 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12. How does their “quiet living” make a “loud difference” for Jesus?
8. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?
9. Imagine your life in light of what you read in the Bible and heard in the message:
  - What would your life look like, living in line with what you’ve learned from God’s Word?
  - What are the biggest challenges you anticipate, as you think about living in line with what you’ve learned?
  - Is there a specific situation in your life right now, where truth from this passage shapes how you live / think / relate with others?
  - What is one way you can practically apply what you learned this week?
10. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you’re learning this coming week?