Week 5 – Waiting for the Son: 1 Thessalonians Series

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was "the takeaway" (the most important point) from Sunday's sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Discussion:

1. What three areas of lifestyle does Paul discuss in this passage? How would each of these affect Christian witness and ministry? What do you think is the guiding principle behind Paul's injunctions here?

2. When urged to "excel still more", how do you suppose the Thessalonians felt? Why?

3. What do you say to someone who believes you can do anything you want, as long as it feels good and no one else gets hurt? Would you say anything different to a Christian who believed likewise about sexual freedom?

4. What difference would the injunction of verses 11-12 have on your Christians witness if put into effect this week? What concrete steps can you take to do so?

5. Who do you have in your life that you can reach out to when you're struggling? Who holds you accountable to your faith? How can your group support each other further in the pursuit of holiness?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.