

CHALLENGE TO GROW 1 THESSALONIANS 4

Chi Alpha Lifegroup Guide 1 Thessalonians

LESSON PREP

- Identify the gospel truths in the chapter
- Read Galatians 4:9
- Read Mathew 7:23

PRE LG TEXT MESSAGE QUESTIONS

Does following Jesus actually change your life?

This is what we'll be discussing at Lifegroup tonight as we continue our study on the book of 1 Thessalonians.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

10N1 FOLLOW UP

How do you feel known, seen, and heard?

How are you becoming more like Jesus?

OVERVIEW

The following video by The Bible Project gives a great overview of the book of 1 Thess.: <https://youtu.be/No7Nq6lX23c>

INTRODUCTION

- What is God like?
- What are Christians like?

A Life Pleasing to God (1 Thess. 4:1-12)

- What does it mean to please God?
- What is the will of God for your life?
- Identify the call of holiness in these verses. How do these apply to sanctification?
- How is sanctification possible?
- If Paul was writing to the church today, what do you think he would say concerning sexuality?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *Our number one goal as Christ followers should be to live a life that is pleasing to God. That means that we are on a lifelong journey of sanctification to become more like Jesus. This process usually occurs through discipleship and personal devotion and is guided by the Holy Spirit.*

Know and Be Known by God (1 Thess. 4:5)

- What does it mean to know God?
 - Surely it entails more than just knowing about Him. The devil knows more about God than you do.
 - Compare spouse knowledge vs. stranger knowledge.
- Read Galatians 4:9. How does it make you feel when someone really knows you (they listen and remember details about you)? How does it feel when someone rejects you?
- Read Mathew 7:23. When you think of the Creator not knowing you, how do you feel? How does that cause you to want to live differently?

SAY SOMETHING LIKE: *To be fully known and loved is one of the most basic desires of a humanity. That can only truly be found in God. No other human can know us 100% (we can't even know ourselves 100%) and no human can ever love us perfectly. Only in relationship with God can we be truly know and loved 100%. What an amazing experience!*

Our Hope Should Affect Our Life (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

- How should our hope affect the way we grieve?
- Why is the end of verse 17 the most wonderful promise?

APPLICATION

The will of God for your life is sanctification - to become more like Him. Live a life with the pursuit of being known by God. Let the hope of salvation affect your perspective on everything.

