

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

LIVING HOPE: MORE AND MORE
1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-12
FOR THE WEEK OF APR 11, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

The Call: We are called to increase in our love for one another.

1. Be taught by God. 1 Thessalonians 4:9
2. Express love in practical ways. 1 Thessalonians 4:10-11
 - a. More love, less complacency. (10b)
 - b. More prayer, less chatter. (11a)
 - c. More investment, less idleness. (11b)
3. Remember the world is watching. 1 Thessalonians 4:12

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. We learn to love others from God. What is God teaching you about loving other believers?
3. What does it mean "to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs"? What's the value of living this kind of life?
4. Why are we prone to get in other people's business? What sin needs to be addressed in your heart before you can become a person who lives quietly and minds your own affairs?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. What is one way this passage has challenged or encouraged you?
2. In what ways do you feel you're walking properly before outsiders? In what ways are you walking improperly?
3. Paul has given commands in this passage concerning sexual immorality, love for fellow Christians, and day-to-day work. What can you do this week to become more obedient in one of these areas?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Ask God to help you genuinely grow in love for your brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. Pray for fellow believers that you know who are in physical or spiritual need.
3. Ask God for opportunity this week to influence "outsiders" with the gospel.