

Sermon Supplement from October 15

Walking The Walk In The Meantime | 1 Thess. 4:1-12

Warm Up: What makes “Walking the Walk” difficult?

Dig In

Read 4:1-3a | Walking in the Word

- Talk about “progressive sanctification”. What does it mean? How does it work in the Christian life?
- Why is the Word of God essential for Christian growth?
- What are you currently doing to grow in the Word?

Read 4:3b-8 | Walking in Sexual Integrity

- How would you describe the sexual ethic of our surrounding culture?
- In what ways does the sexual ethic of our surrounding culture tend to seep into our own lives and churches?
- In what practical ways might a Christian live with sexual integrity today?

Read 4:9-10 | Walking in Brotherly Love

- Families are messy! What are some things that frustrate you about your church/Christian family?
- Talk about practical ways we might express brotherly love toward our church/Christian family.

Read 4:11-12 | Walking Respectably Toward Outsiders

- If you were to leave your job, neighborhood, or other circles of influence with non-believers, who would be sad about it and who would be happy you’re gone? Why?
- What needs to change in your heart and actions for you to walk more respectably toward outsiders?

Apply

- In which aspects of your Christian walk has the Holy Spirit used this study to convict you?
- What practical steps will you take this week as a result of this study?

(Bible Reading Guide and Resources on Other Side)

Weekly Bible Reading Guide – In order to help you engage with God’s Word and our Sunday sermons, we suggest using the exercises below as part of your personal Bible reading and study for the coming week.

Next Week’s Sermon Text - *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Study Exercises (*use as you have time*)

1. Read the text at least 5 times (in different translations if possible)
2. Answer some basic investigative questions such as: *What are important terms or concepts? What is the tone? What is emphasized, repeated or related? Are there significant comparisons or contrasts? What verses or ideas jump out at you?*
3. Make a list of terms, people, places, or ideas that you need to research further? Use a study Bible, Bible dictionary, or digital resources to help you understand these.
4. In your own words, what is the big idea of this text?
5. Consult 1 or more of the resources listed below. How does this expand your understanding of the text?
6. Apply It: What are the major points of application from this text? How does what you have learned impact the way you think, feel, or act?

Resources

- A good Study Bible such as the ESV Study Bible, MacArthur Study Bible, Faithlife Study Bible (free app),
- Video Introduction: Watch The Bible Project summary videos for 1&2 Thessalonians
- Study Guide: [1&2 Thessalonians and Titus](#) MacArthur Bible Study Guide
- Basic Commentary: [1&2 Thessalonians For You](#) Ligon Duncan
- In-depth Commentary: [The Letters to the Thessalonians](#) Pillar New Testament Commentary, Gene L. Green
- In-depth sermon series: Visit gty.org to find John MacArthur’s verse by verse sermon series on these two books.