

Next Steps:

According to these passages, what are the four compass points that all Christians should orient their lives by?

John 6:40

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1 Peter 2:15

1 Thessalonians 4:3

Which of these four are you most in need of focusing on? What are 3 things you can do this week to orient (or reorient) your life toward that particular compass point?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8. Pause and reflect on this phrase, "It is God's will to be sanctified that you should be sanctified."

What does it mean to be "sanctified?"

What are some other words that describe this character quality?

The idea of being "sanctified" is not a new concept to the Apostle Paul. It has its roots in the early books of the Old Testament. Read Leviticus 11:44 and Peter's reflection on the Leviticus passage in 1 Peter 1:14-15.

Hebrews 12:14 gives another reasons to seek to be more holiness. Why is our holiness so important?

Next Week: We'll be taking a look at Isaiah 6:1-8 as we examine how Isaiah first understood his purpose. We will also be celebrating communion next Sunday as we share in the grace of God.