

Study Guide

Steadfast 4:1-12

Big Idea: God's will is accomplished in your life by walking with him one step at a time.

1. When did you begin following Jesus?

Read Colossians 2:7:

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

What have been practices and/or people that have helped you continue walking with Jesus?

2. Share about a time when that you had to discern the will of God in your life, what was helpful to you in deciding?

3. As you reflect on this past decision, did your discernment lead you to a deeper following of God? Could the concept of "walking more and more with God," seen in our passage have helped this past decision?

"...we instructed you how to walk in order to please God, as in fact you are walking. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more." 1 Thessalonians 4:1

4. How does it help you to realize that God is pleased when you are following him, submitting yourself and trusting him to do the work?

5. This passage talks about holiness in our sexual lives and in our work lives. What struggles have you had in submitting either area in your walk with God?

1 Thessalonians 4:3-12

Who owns me? If I want something to the point that I can't conceive of being content without it, then it owns me. Freedom is going without whatever we crave and being fine with it. (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

Walking in holiness is growing in love. Love is giving up control. It's surrendering the desire to control another person. If we are serious about loving someone, we have to surrender all of the desires within us to manipulate the relationship.

When I respect the image of God in others, I protect the image of God in me.

7. What is the next step of discipleship toward holiness to which God is calling you?

8. How can this community group support each other in these steps of discipleship?