

Sermon Discussion Guide

Wholly Holy

1 Thessalonians 5:23–28

Final Instructions (25–27)

- Why should Christians be praying people?
- What was the significance of the holy kiss in the early church? What are some ways we can greet each other today that reflect our relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ?
- The Old Testament Scriptures were read publicly in the church's gatherings. What does Paul's instruction to have his letter read publicly in church tell you about Paul's writings?

Complete Sanctification (23)

- Who is the author of sanctification? Are we passive in our sanctification?
- How extensive is the sanctification that Paul prays for?
- When will our sanctification be completed?
- How does knowing that God will completely sanctify you one day affect your efforts at spiritual growth in the present?

Certain Sanctification (24)

- Where does Paul ground our certainty regarding complete sanctification?
- How does God's calling of us to himself guarantee our complete sanctification?
- Why is it important to remember that our certainty of complete sanctification rests on God's faithfulness?

Conclusion (28)

- To whom does Paul point the Thessalonians at the end of his letter?
- What does Paul's benediction tell us about the place of grace in the Christian life?