



## Outrageous: Thankfulness

LUKE 17:11-19 | FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2016

We continue through Luke and examine a story of Jesus healing lepers. Though many were healed, only one took the time to return and express thanks to Jesus. We will explore the theme of thanks in today's study.

### WITH THE GROUP



#### LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Share something you are grateful for in three categories: a person you are grateful for, a thing you are grateful for and something about God you are grateful for.



#### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Why do you think Jesus featured a Samaritan as the one who gave thanks in Luke 17:11-16?

What do the letters A.C.T.S. stand for in the mnemonic which helps people pray more "completely?" Model this as a group (eyes open) going through each letter and listing several ideas for each section of this prayer pattern. Make sure everyone in the group has a sense of how to do this on their own.



#### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What part of the sermon most challenged you, informed you or helped you see God's love in a new way?

How would being a person of gratitude grow your love for God?



#### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and consider memorizing it. What would it mean in your daily life to obey Paul's command to the Thessalonians?

Read Colossians 1:3-14. List ALL the various things for which Paul is giving thanks? Do these things make you feel thankful also? How do the things Paul gives thanks for compare to the things you give thanks for?

### DIGGING DEEPER

Pick any of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) and then look up every use of the words: thank - (-s, -ed, -ing), thanksgiving, praise, and gratitude in that book. What do you notice about the frequency, content, and object of thanks throughout the Gospel you chose? (hint: this can be done with an online concordance, or with bible gateway, or through a search on a digital bible you keep on your phone/ tablet.)

### GRADUATE LEVEL

Read some of the following psalms of thanksgiving and gratitude: Psalm 8, Psalm 18, Psalm 19, Psalm 34, Psalm 66, Psalm 100, Psalm 107, Psalm 118, Psalm 138 and Psalm 145. How does the language used here reflect or connect with your heart. Try writing a short psalm of your own using some of the patterns you see in the psalms you read.