

Giving Thanks

Luke 17:11-19

1.	Thanksgiving begins with a <u>recognition</u> of <u>need</u> .
2.	Thanksgiving requires an <u>expression</u> of gratitude.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1. Would you consider yourself a thankful person? Why or why not? What are the common ways you express thanks to God and to other people?
- 2. Would you say that either prosperity or entitlement get in the way of seeing how much you need God to sustain your very life? Read the parable of the rich fool as a reference point for answering this question. (Luke 12:13-21)
- 3. What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving? Who will you "give thanks" to for the benefits you have received?
- 4. Give an example of a time when you bonded more deeply to God or another person by expressing gratitude to them. Who needs to hear gratitude from you this Thanksgiving?

Memory Verse

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18