

Thank You, God!

*FCC Life Group Discussion Notes
Based on the Sermon Single of Matthew Rogers
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Opening Prayer

Father, thank You for every gift You've given us—especially the gift of a changed heart through Jesus. Stir gratitude in us that overflows into our words and lives, and open our eyes to how much You love us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's one unexpected blessing from this past year that you almost missed thanking God for?

Key Scripture

Luke 17:11-19 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

11 While traveling to Jerusalem, he passed between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he told them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And while they were going, they were cleansed. 15 But one of them, seeing that he was healed, returned and, with a loud voice, gave glory to God. 16 He fell facedown at his feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Didn't any return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And he told him, "Get up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

Sermon Summary

Jesus miraculously healed ten hopeless lepers, yet only one came back to say thank You—and he was the least likely one. God commands gratitude not because He's needy, but because it protects us from pride, reveals the true condition of our hearts, and makes us magnetic witnesses who draw others to Jesus.

Discussion Point 1: Gratitude Saves Us from Pride

Scripture: Romans 1:21 & Luke 17:15-16 (CSB) – *Ask group members to read aloud.*

Romans : For although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or give thanks to him...

Luke: But one of them, seeing that he was healed, returned and, with a loud voice, gave glory to God. He fell facedown at his feet, thanking him.

Point Summary: Ingratitude is listed right beside idolatry as a root sin that hardens hearts and fuels rebellion. The nine healed lepers walked away proud, assuming they deserved the miracle. The one who returned stayed humble because he recognized everything good comes from a God who is bigger than us.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think pride and ingratitude are so closely connected? Where have you seen that play out in your own life or in our culture?
2. When we forget to thank God, what subtle message are we sending ourselves about who's really in control?

Discussion Point 2: Gratitude Is an Observable Heart Monitor

Scripture: Matthew 12:34 & 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CSB) – *Ask group members to read aloud.*

Matthew: For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

1 Thessalonians: give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Point Summary: Our words are a real-time EKG of our spiritual heart—gripping shows blockage, gratitude shows health. The thankful leper's loud praise revealed a heart that had been transformed; the silence of the nine revealed hearts that were still sick with entitlement.

Discussion Questions:

1. If someone secretly recorded your conversations this past week, would the dominant tone be gratitude or griping? What does that tell you?
2. What's one practical way you can start rewiring your "default speech" toward thanksgiving this week?

Discussion Point 3: Gratitude Draws Others to Jesus

Scripture: Luke 17:15 & Psalm 145:10-12 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

Luke: ...with a loud voice, gave glory to God...

Psalm: All you have made will thank you, Lord... 11 They will speak of the glory of your kingdom and will declare your might, 12 informing all people of your mighty acts...

Point Summary: The Samaritan's loud, public gratitude became a billboard for Jesus—even Jesus pointed it out. A thankful heart is contagious and life-giving; it makes unbelievers stop and think, "I want what they have."

Discussion Questions:

1. Who do you know (past or present) whose gratitude made Christianity look attractive to you or others?
2. How could a louder, more consistent “thank You, God!” in everyday situations open natural gospel conversations with the people around you?

Wrap-Up

Ten were healed on the outside, but only one experienced the deeper salvation that comes when gratitude re-orientes our hearts toward God. Let’s be the one—humble enough to fall at His feet, honest enough for our words to reveal a healthy heart, and bold enough to live so gratefully that others are drawn to Jesus. After all, giving thanks in everything really is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus.

Challenge

This Thanksgiving week, start a simple “Thank You, God!” journal—write down three specific things each day. Then pick one person who doesn’t know Jesus yet and share one of those entries with them (text, coffee, Thanksgiving table—whatever feels natural) and invite them to our Christmas Eve services.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You—for healing we don’t deserve, for mercy we can’t earn, and for a Savior who changes everything. Forgive us for the times we’ve walked away like the nine. Fill us with loud, humble, contagious gratitude that changes us first and then changes the people around us. We love You—thank You, God! Amen.