
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY: Remembering the Giver

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OVERVIEW

1. Thanksgiving Begins With Remembering Who God Is (Psalm 100:1-5)

- Biblical thanksgiving is not based on our circumstances but on who God is
- We give thanks because God is good in every season

2. Don't Forget God After You Are Blessed (Deuteronomy 8:10-18)

- Moses did not warn the Israelites about poverty but about prosperity
- We can confuse God's blessings with our own abilities

3. Thanksgiving Is A Choice (Job 1:21)

- We sometimes can think "I will give thanks when things get better"
- Biblical thanksgiving says "I will give thanks because God is still good"

4. Jesus Teaches Us To Thank God Before We See The Answer (John 6:11; Luke 22:19)

- Jesus thanks God before He provides for the 5000 and before He goes to the cross
- Biblical thanksgiving is faith-filled thanksgiving

5. Jesus Teaches Us Not To Live Anxiously But To Trust Our Father (Matthew 6:31-33)

- Gratitude and worry cannot dominate our hearts at the same time

- Worry says "what if God does not provide?", but thanksgiving says "my Father knows what I need"
- Worry says "I don't have enough", but thanksgiving says "God has been faithful before and He will be faithful again"

6. We Can Receive Blessing And Still Forget The Giver Of Blessing (Luke 17:11-19)

- We can pray, receive then forget
- Thanksgiving brings us back to Jesus

7. True Thanksgiving Changes Our Worship (Luke 17:11-19)

- The Samaritan came back and worshiped after being healed of leprosy

8. The Greatest Reason For Thanksgiving Is Jesus (Romans 5:8)

- All other blessings are temporary
- The greatest gift God gave to us is His Son Jesus Christ

9. Thanksgiving Should Lead To Generosity

- What should we do with all that God has blessed us with?
- What God has given you, give to others

QUESTIONS

Use for community group discussion or personal reflection

GO DEEPER

1. Can you think of one small or big way God has lead you to where you are today? (ex. the door He opened or closed, a prayer He answered that caused you to change direction etc.)
2. Was there anything that stood out to from the sermon?
3. According to Psalm 100, what reasons do we have to give thanks to God?
4. We often fall into the trap of thinking, "I will be thankful when..." How does Job's response in Job 1:21 challenge that mindset?
5. Why do you think Moses warned the Israelites about the dangers of prosperity rather than poverty? (Deut 8:10-18)

MOVE FORWARD

1. How can gratitude help us respond to anxiety without pretending that our problems do not exist?
2. In what areas of your life (e.g., career, family, talent) are you most tempted to take credit for what God has actually provided?
3. What are some signs that we are beginning to take God's blessings for granted or credit ourselves for our success?
4. Where have you previously fallen into the trap of thinking "I will be thankful when..."?
5. What is something you are currently praying for where you can begin thanking God by faith, even before seeing the outcome?

Our Vision



To be a church where you belong, joining with God to open doors and bring the hope of Jesus as He makes all things new