



## **Abide: Gratitude**

**Main Scripture:** Luke 17:11-19

**Additional Scriptures:** Rom 1:21; 2 Cor 4:15; Heb 3:7-12; Psa 103

### **Discussion Questions**

Saying "Thank you" reflects gratitude. Jesus is traveling through a village on his way to Jerusalem and ten lepers are shouting loudly to get his attention. After all get healed, only one comes back, throws himself at Jesus' feet to say "thank you."

- What were the laws concerning those who contracted leprosy?
- How were lepers treated in society at that time?
- How were Samaritan's viewed by the Jewish people?
- What point does Jesus make concerning the response of the foreigner (Samaritan) verses the other nine lepers?
- What does thankfulness do in a person?
- Why is it hard to feel gratitude at times? What seems to block it?

*Gratitude does not flow from more blessing, but a deeper awareness of grace.*

### **READ 2 Cor 4:15**

- What does God's grace mean to you?
- How do you think thanksgiving overflows to the glory of God?
- Why is there a direct connection between grace and gratitude?

*Grumbling does not flow from less blessing, but deeper sense of entitlement.*

- What are some problems with entitlement?
- Why is it true that you don't get more grateful when you get more blessings?
- Answer this question: You know you feel entitled when.....
- Why is it true that bitterness and gratitude do no co-exist?
- What are some ways you can be thankful this week?
- What do you appreciate about your microchurch that you are grateful for?

READ Psalm 103 this week!