

SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GETTING STARTED:

- 1) What is it like to be around a person that is prone to grumbling or overly critical?
- 2) Have you ever received a thank you that was particularly memorable?

MESSAGE BIG IDEA: 6 Words That Can Change Your Life - Thanks

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19; Philippians 4:10-13; 1 Corinthians 10:1-23 (Read as leader calls for)

DISCUSSION

- 1) Why do you think the 9 lepers did not return to thank Jesus? Can you relate?
- 2) When the Israelites grumbled in the desert, what did it reveal about their true affections and their view of God?
- 3) What do we deserve? How is entitlement a deception?
- 4) How is grumbling contagious?

DIG DEEPER (Other scriptures?)

- 1) Read 1 Thess 5:16-18. After Paul instructs to be "thankful in all circumstance" he continues "for this is God's will..." How does this make the command more impactful to you? Describe a person who lives these out.
- 2) Read Numbers 12:1-11. Clearly the Lord was angry with Miriam and Aaron for grumbling against Moses' leadership. Is there ever a time to where it is justified to question leadership? If there is, how do we do this without an overly critical spirit?
- 3) Read Deuteronomy 8:1-18. What happens when you forget God and lose your thankfulness to Him?

BRING IT HOME

- 1) Take a minute to consider something that is difficult for most people to be thankful for. As a group, try to list 10 things about that circumstance to be thankful for.
- 2) How can practicing consistent thankfulness be freeing?

ASK FOR GOD'S HELP

- 1) To always focus on God and turn your grumbling into contentment.
- 2) To remember that ALL things work together for good when God is in control.