

A Thanksgiving Warning

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: What food are you most thankful that God created and why?

KEY THOUGHT: *We are at odds with God when we fail to thank Him.*

GETTING THE POINT

Read [Romans 1:21](#)

1. What connection do you see between honoring God and giving thanks to Him?
2. What follows when people fail to honor God or give thanks to Him?

Read [Psalm 95](#)

3. In verse 2, “thanksgiving” could be translated “declaration” (of God’s character and works). What do verses 3-5 declare about God’s character and works?
4. What major theme about God emerges in verses 3-5? What different theme is captured in verses 6-7?
5. What is the emphasis of verses 8-11? How does the very different tone of these verses fit with the first part of the Psalm?

GETTING DEEPER

Read [Hebrews 4:8-11](#)

1. What “rest” is referred to here as it looks back to the Israelites wandering in the desert?
2. What is the “rest” for us today who are looking not for an earthly piece of real estate as our Promised Land?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. What kinds of situations or seasons in life are most likely to prompt you to complain?
2. In what way is our complaining a spiritual offense to God?
3. What does it communicate to the unbelieving world around us when we express thankfulness and declare God’s good character and works, even through the challenges of life?
4. How will you intentionally express your gratitude (verbally/in writing/other) this week?

PRAYER

Pray that we as God’s people will honor Him by expressing gratitude and declaring His good character and works.