



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Being Thankful Changes Everything

Sermon Date: November 25, 2018

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Speaker: Pastor Rod Randall

As an opener, talk over what group members did for Thanksgiving. What were you most thankful for? Did anything happen that you weren't all that thankful for? How'd you deal with it?

1. The sermon title was, "Being Thankful Changes Everything." Agree? Disagree? Discuss.
2. READ 1 Thessalonians 5:18. What is the difference between being thankful in all circumstances compared to for all circumstances? Why does God want us to give thanks in every situation?
3. READ 1 Chronicles 16:34 and 1 Corinthians 15:56-57. Why would giving thanks to the Lord improve our relationship with Him? What about God are you most thankful for?
4. READ Psalm 95 and Exodus 17:1-7. How are we supposed to come before the Lord? Why did the Israelites at Meribah and Massah respond so differently? What was the consequence and how does that speak to us?
5. READ Philippians 1:3-6. Paul's thankfulness for the Philippians is based on the past and present (with expectations for the future). Why is he so thankful and how can a similar attitude help us to be more thankful for people?
6. READ 2 Thessalonians 1:3. Even though the Apostle Paul is not the direct beneficiary of what he observes in the Thessalonians, he is thankful for them. Why is he thankful? What can we learn from this?
7. Sometimes our situations cannot change and yet we still need to be thankful. READ Colossians 3:17. What does this verse command us to do and how can we consistently follow through on this? Why might applying this verse significantly improve our attitude each day?
8. READ Philippians 4:6. Anxiety and thanksgiving seem like opposite extremes. What steps must we take if we are to go from stressful to thankful?
9. Think of when you are least likely to be thankful (Tired, hungry, envious, etc.). What changes can you make to avoid these situations? When they can't be avoided, how can you learn to live thankfully anyway?
10. Think of a someone or something in your life right now where "thankfulness" is not your go-to response. How can this week's study help get you there? How can you make sure you have a "Thanksgiving changes everything" response to the people and challenges you face this week?