

Three Words For Thanksgiving

November 27, 2022

PREPARATION

Study

Look over the guideline for the group discussion and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you.

Pray

Pray for the members of your group and their openness to God's word.

Landing Point

Gratitude, contentment and generosity bring joy to our life and Jesus' heart.

GROUP DISCUSSION

CONFIDENTIALITY | What's said in the group stays in the group.

NO CROSS-TALK | Be considerate of others as they share. Refrain from side conversations and texting during group time.

NO FIXING | We are not in the group to fix each other. Jesus does that part.

SHARING | Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Don't talk too much or too little. Every person brings something valuable to the group.

INTRODUCTION

Three words can change everything. When you say "I love you" in a dating relationship it takes everything to a new level. On the other hand, "I am sorry" has the power to change the dynamic of a fight and begin moving from hurting to healing. This past week as we celebrated thanksgiving three words may have come to mind: gratitude, contentment and generosity. When we apply these three words past Thanksgiving and integrate them into our every day life we experience life change, bring joy to Jesus, and change the dynamic of our relationship with Him. As group starts reflect on everyone's week by asking the following:

Q-How did you spend your Thanksgiving holiday?

Q-What was a high and a low of your Thanksgiving week?

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Gratitude

Read: Psalm 100:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Practice: Ask your group members to pull out a piece of paper or open a note on their phone. Give them 5 minutes to write down 5 things they are grateful for. After the 5 minutes is up, ask each person in your group to share one thing they wrote down.

Apply: What is one way you can be intentional to thank God for the physical and spiritual blessings he has gifted you with this week?



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Contentment

Read: Luke 3:14, 1 Timothy 6:8, Hebrews 13:5, 2 Corinthians 12:8-10, Philippians 4:11-13

Apply: In what areas of your life are you most tempted to reach for more than you need? In what area of your life do you need claim that God's strength is sufficient for your weakness?

Generosity

Read: 1 Timothy 6:17-19, 2 Corinthians 8:9, Acts 20:35, 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Apply: When was a time that God blessed you through the generosity of someone else? When you have taken a step of generosity before, by giving your goods or gifts, what blessings have you experienced?

Practice: Spend time as a group brainstorming ways you can take a step of generosity together in the month of December. Before the group ends, ask someone in the group to help coordinate this idea with the other members of the group over the next few weeks.

Pray - As group closes divide your group into prayer partners. Encourage the partners to pray and thank God for how He is working in each of their lives and continue to grow their gratitude, contentment and generosity.

