

SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING GUIDE

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Should followers of Jesus be marked by thankfulness? What does it mean and look like to be a thankful person? Why does thankfulness matter? We're going to dive into these questions all answered by Jesus this week.



CONVERSATION STARTER

Do you remember a moment you when you were super thankful? What happened to make you so thankful?

READ AND DISCUSS

God blesses us, but our lack of thankfulness keeps us from experiencing even greater blessings. How do we see this to be true from what we learned Sunday?

Does it take discipline to prioritize thankfulness? Why do you think it doesn't come more naturally?

Read the passage Luke 17:11-19.

Do you think Jesus was disappointed or disheartened in the response from most of the lepers?

What do you think happens to/in the leper who returns to thank Jesus?

Have you received blessings and failed to acknowledged the Giver of the gift? Explain.

Why is it important to recognize the gift and be thankful and ALSO recognize the giver of the gift (God) and be equally as thankful?

Does thankfulness to God draw us closer to him and more develops greater intimacy with God.

APPLICATION

What are some things in your life you have lacked thankfulness in?

Take some time to identify why you're thankful (or why you *should* be thankful) for those various things.

Have you given thanks to God for all of those things/people/reasons to be thankful? Take time to do that as well.

What are you thankful for? What did you write on your card?