

A Worldview of Gratitude

Main Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Additional Scriptures: 1st Corinthians 13:5, Leviticus 13:45-46, Psalm 100:4, Psalm 34:1, Psalm 5:3, Psalm 59:16, Psalm 90:14, James 1:3, 1st Thessalonians 5:17, Philippians 4:11-13

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- **Read 1st Cor. 13:5.** Pastor Matt talked about our culture being one that carries with it the sense of entitlement. Where do you see this culturally? Where in your own life do you feel entitled to certain things?
 - How does this stifle your overall gratitude?
- People will often say “I need to clean up my act and then I will get right with God.” What is wrong with this type of thinking?
 - How would you respond to someone that said this?
 - What Scriptures would you use to back what you said up?
- “Stop seeing gratitude as an obligation, and start seeing it as an opportunity to honor God.” Where do you see gratitude as being obligatory in your life right now? Where have you been seeing it as an opportunity?
 - How can you switch the obligatory gratitude to opportunistic gratitude?
- **Read Psalm 100:4 & Psalm 34:1.** Where do you fall on being naturally thankful (from cynic to optimist)? Do you think beginning your prayers and your days with thanks will change your prayers and day? Why or why not?
- “Stop thinking of gratitude as a byproduct of your circumstance, and start thinking about it as a worldview.” What is the difference? How do you make that transition from circumstantial thanks to having a worldview of gratitude?
 - How does having a *worldview* of gratitude change your walk with Jesus?
- What can you do to spur one another one towards thankfulness? How can you keep gratitude levels high within your small group on a regular basis?
- How can you create a culture of thankfulness and gratitude with your family this Christmas? What are some practical steps you can take to ensure that gratitude remains at the forefront of your family and kids’ minds?

Doing: Application

- **Read Psalm 100:, Psalm 34:1, Psalm 5:3, Psalm 59:16, Psalm 90:14.** This week, make a concerted effort to start every prayer with thanks and also to wake up every morning and the first thing in your mind and out of your mouth is thanks. Come back next week and discuss how this changed you.