

Thanksgiving
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*These questions are provided to lead the group in **applying** the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.*

Do you have any friends or family members that you would consider a grateful person? If so, what causes you to say that?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. This is part of the end of Paul's letter. Why do you think Paul chose to include this at the close of his letter?

Which barrier to having a grateful heart and a thankful life are you most likely to have? (Entitlement, Comparison, Discontentment, or Forgetfulness) Look at the message outline for more explanation on each.

Read Romans 11:33-36. (Entitlement) Have you ever felt or acted like God owed you something? Share what it was and what God taught you.

Read John 21:20-22. (Comparison) In today's American society, we can feel like we have to "keep up with the Joneses". Where does that come from?

Read Philippians 4:11b-13. (Discontentment) In light of what Paul wrote, is it wrong to be driven or have ambition? How does this influence or impact gratefulness?

Read Psalm 106:9-14. (Forgetfulness) This Psalm speaks to when God rescued the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. What causes us to forget what God has done?

What can you do to better see God's goodness in your life?

Share a moment of God's faithfulness with the group. How can you make sure this is remembered when challenges come?

How can you better live a thankful life (practice) from a grateful heart (posture)?

Close by reading Ephesians 2:1-10. As it is read, listen for the part the Holy Spirit brings to your attention most in this moment. Let that truth shape a grateful heart and guide you in a thankful life.

How can we pray for you?