



WEEK 1

Topic: Spiritual growth happens when we remain in Jesus. Apart from Him, we can do nothing.

Takeaway: Gratitude grows when we remember what God has done and respond with thankful obedience.

Welcome/Open In Prayer

Introductions: Share the topic & takeaway this week from above.

God Stories: God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Review From Last Week: Where have you already seen opportunities to invest in someone's spiritual growth since our last discussion?

Review The Guidelines: Share the guidelines to the group.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK"
NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT**



Ask a thought-provoking question to get the group focused

What's something you didn't appreciate as a kid but are really thankful for now?

Share background and provide context to the Bible story.

Jesus' journey "along the border between Samaria and Galilee" reflects a region marked by deep ethnic and religious division, as Jews considered Samaritans religiously compromised due to their mixed ancestry and unorthodox worship practices. Lepers were considered ritually unclean and were forced to live outside towns, cut off from family, worship, and economic life. Lepers formed their own communities for survival, often mixing ethnic groups, as seen in the presence of a Samaritan among the ten. The inclusion of a Samaritan, a group despised by Jews, highlights the radical inclusivity of Jesus' ministry and the breaking of ethnic and religious barriers. Jesus is traveling toward Jerusalem, intensifying His teachings on gratitude, faith, and the nature of true worship as He nears the cross...and now the story from God's Word.



SHARE THE STORY

Luke 17:11-19



REBUILD THE STORY



READ THE STORY



Dive Deeper

**WITH DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS**

- 1) In the story, what set apart the one who returned apart, and what does that show us about the relationship God desires with us?
- 2) When have you trusted God enough to act before seeing Him work?
- 3) When have you experienced God's goodness but not stopped to thank Him and why?
- 4) When the Samaritan returned to Jesus, his gratitude led to worship and obedience, how can your thankfulness move beyond words into deeper faith and surrender to Christ?

***PRAYER REQUESTS* | ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER | ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY - Matthew 6:25-34**

Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week