



WEEK 2

Topic: Gratitude produces contentment.

Takeaway: True contentment doesn't come from what you have but from trusting the God who provides what you need.

Welcome / Open In Prayer

Introduction: 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: How have you seen your thankfulness deepen your faith or surrender to Christ this past week?

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 thought would make your life easier but actually made it more complicated?

Share background and provide context to the Bible story.

Most people in Galilee lived with daily economic insecurity, surviving on simple farming, fishing, and manual labor, where drought, Roman taxation, and crop failure could bring immediate crisis. Honor and shame were central values, and public appearance—including clothing—was tied to one's status and dignity. The Jewish people were steeped in the Torah and the Psalms, which emphasized God's provision and care, themes Jesus echoes by referencing birds and lilies as examples of divine provision. This was a time of heightened messianic expectation, and Jesus' message contrasted sharply with both the legalism of the Pharisees and the political zeal of groups like the Zealots. Israel had experienced wilderness dependence on God for manna, making Jesus' teaching a reminder that the same God who fed their ancestors would provide for them...and now the story from God's Word.



1 SHARE THE STORY
Matthew 6:25-34



2 REBUILD THE STORY



3 READ THE STORY



Dive Deeper
WITH DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

- 1) How does Jesus use birds and flowers to challenge the way we think about success and control?
- 2) When have you experienced peace or gratitude even when life wasn't going your way? What helped you stay grounded?
- 3) What fears or desires most often rob you of contentment, and how does gratitude shift your perspective?
- 4) How can you express gratitude to God and find contentment this week especially in areas where you've been discontent or worried?

***PRAYER REQUESTS* | ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER | ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY - Acts 16:22-34**
Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week