



Part 2: Unexpressed Gratitude Is Never Complete

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CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

Last week, we discovered that gratitude begins when we remember who God is, what He has already done for us, and the promises that continue to sustain our faith. This week, we take the next step in that journey by recognizing that a grateful life does not end with an inward feeling. Gratitude fulfills its purpose when it is expressed and redirects our attention back to God.

In **Luke 17:12–19**, Jesus healed ten men with leprosy, but only one returned to thank Him. All ten received the same miracle, yet only one came back to personally acknowledge the One who had transformed his life. This account reminds us that faith brings us to Jesus, obedience allows us to experience His work, and expressed gratitude makes us whole as we recognize that every good thing comes from His hands.

As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Luke 17:12-19 (NLT)



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. As you read **Luke 17:12-19**, can you identify something the man who returned received that the other nine did not?

2. **Psalm 100:4** encourages us to enter God's presence with thanksgiving. What does it mean to you to know that gratitude is the gate into God's very presence?
2. What obstacles tend to keep you from expressing gratitude freely, and what decision do you need to make so that gratitude becomes a consistent response?

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MAKE IT PRACTICAL

Let your gratitude follow this path throughout the week:

1. **It begins with faith.** During your daily time with the Lord, bring Him one specific need before looking for solutions on your own. Trust Him from the very beginning.
2. **It grows through obedience.** Identify one instruction from God that you have been putting off, and take one simple step to obey it today. Gratitude grows when we choose obedience before we see the outcome.
3. **Manifest it through expression.** Intentionally and visibly express gratitude to God every day. What difference will that habit make in your relationships and in your heart?



PRAYER

"Lord, thank You for Your love and for all the ways You care for us each day. Thank You that in Jesus we find the greatest expression of Your favor and learn to live with grateful hearts. Help us express our gratitude through our words, our decisions, and the way we live. May we never stop recognizing that every good thing comes from You. Amen."



TIPS

- A person who is grateful to God chooses to recognize His goodness instead of taking His blessings for granted.
- When you face challenges this week, take a few minutes to remember and express three specific reasons you can thank God for.
- As you learn to value the Giver more than the gifts, gratitude becomes less dependent on circumstances and more a way of life.



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