

## Leader Corner

Say Thank You

Luke 17:11-19

This week we are looking at gratitude and the lack of it. Years ago, I heard a preacher use this phrase “Have an attitude of gratitude.” What a great way to go through life! As Christians saved eternally by the grace of God through Jesus Christ, we should be the most grateful people on earth.

**Main Idea:** Say Thank you!: We intentionally communicate our gratitude to God and one another.

**Main Practice:** Gratitude journal and story telling.

**Main Teaching:** Luke 17:11-19

## Connect with Prayer & Praise

**With Praise:** Read, say, or meditate on the old hymn, “Now Thank We All Our God.”

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices

Who wondrous things hath done

In whom the world rejoices.

Who from our mothers’ arms, has blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

**With Prayer:** Go around your circle and have each member mention one thing he/she is thankful for from this past week, then pray over your group and this study time together.

## with Principle

1. Read aloud Luke 17:11-19.
2. Discuss any questions that Sunday's sermon brought to mind about this passage. What challenged you from the Sunday experience?
3. The ten lepers had obviously heard of Jesus' miracles before He arrived. Faith begins with hearing about Jesus. This is why it is so important for us to be a witness to the gospel and support evangelistic outreach in its many forms with our effort, time, and financial support. Where else in scripture do you read about the importance of *hearing* the good news? Helpful scriptures: Matthew 5:16, 28:19-26, Acts 1:8, Romans 1:16, 10:14.
4. All ten lepers had some faith in Jesus' ability to heal them, even without touching them. They were healed as they followed His instructions. This is much like the healing of Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-27). Share some experiences in your life, when stepping out in trust, that have led to an increase in your faith.
5. Jesus seems astonished that only one of the lepers (the Samaritan) returned to praise God and recognize Jesus' role in his personal healing. Why can/did this happen? See Matthew 13:22, Luke 12:19-21, Romans 1:21-22, James 4:4.
6. Jesus is also proclaiming, in verses 18 and 19, that the Kingdom of God is available to all, regardless of race, nationality and past life. Christ's salvation is available to all nations. Support this idea with the following scriptures: Romans 3:22-24, Acts 28:28, Titus 2:11, Revelation 7:9-10.
7. Read and share these scriptures: Psalm 100:4, 2 Corinthians 9:11-12, Philippians 4:6, Colossians 3:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, James 1:17. What can we learn about the idea of "attitude of gratitude" from these passages?

## with Practice

1. As a group, start a gratitude journal. Each week that you gather, be sure to write down something you were grateful for from the previous week.
2. As an individual, this week's practice is to daily record three things you were grateful for and then share them with your family or friend group.
3. The final practice challenge is, sometime this week when you are "out and about" ask someone something they are grateful for. Then, if time allows, be ready to share something you are grateful for as well.
4. As a group, hold one another accountable to follow through with practice #3 listed above and then share your experiences at your next small group gathering.

## for Further Study

Grumbling is the opposite of gratitude. Review the following scriptures to see how God views grumbling:

Numbers 14:26-30

1 Corinthians 10:9-11

Philippians 2:14-15

James 5:7-9