

Sermon Discussion Questions: To Be Continued – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – 11.22.2020



Connect: (5-10 min) When you were young, was saying thank you encouraged, forced, or not a thing in your family?

Daily Devotions: (15-25 min) Look over last week's SOAP. Which day of SOAP Bible reading stood out to you? What did you see that was interesting? How did the readings connect with what is happening in your life?

Keep the Conversation Going: (20-25 min)

What stuck out to you or stuck with you from this week's sermon?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

When you think of giving thanks in all circumstances, what comes to mind? Who comes to mind?

What is the difference between "give thanks *for* all circumstances" and "give thanks *in* all circumstances"? Why does this matter in your life today?

Read Luke 17:11-14

What evidence is there that the ten men had hope (believed and trusted) that Jesus could and would heal them?

What evidence is there that you put your hope (belief and trust) in Jesus?

How would you describe the value of what Jesus gave the ten men who had leprosy? How do you think this would change their lives?

What value has Jesus given you? How has this changed your life?

Read Luke 17:15-19

What does the difference in how the nine and the 1 responded to Jesus' gift tell us about ourselves?

Does expressing gratitude take humility? Do you limit your expression of gratitude because of what others might think?

What significance do you see in the one person giving thanks being a "foreigner"?

What part do you think faith played in the healing of the other 9? How do you think your faith affects your healing? How does gratitude impact your healing?

Mirror: (10 min) Do you want more of God's presence? What would you give up to know it more?

Take Away: (5-10 min) When it comes to giving thanks, which habit-forming step are you on? See it, Want it, Do it, Be. What one next step can you take right now to make gratitude a habit?

Share and Listen: (5-10 min). God speaks to his people through his people. If something caught your attention, stuck in your mind, or struck you, please share it. It could be for someone else. This is a double-edged sword. If someone is sharing, please listen. It could be God speaking to you.

Close in prayer: Include in your prayer a time of asking the Holy Spirit to make his presence known to you throughout the day.