
GROUP DISCUSSION

What was the greatest physical gift you were given as a child?

Read: Luke 17:11-19

Notice there are 3 different perspectives presented by Luke in this story. There's Jesus and his perspective of healing 10 lepers. There's the 9 lepers who are so excited about being healed they run as fast as they can to a priest who'll pronounce them clean. There's the 1 leper who returns to thank Jesus. Who do you most identify with, Jesus the problem solver, the 9 lepers who are consumed with their own agenda, or the 1 leper who takes time to be thankful to God for what they have?

Go down this time line and see how easy or difficult it is to come up with something to be grateful for: this past week, this past month, this past year, this past decade. Why do you think some people find it easier than others to be grateful? What if someone came from 1900 to 2020 what do you think they'd be grateful for?

What is a worshipful person, spirit or attitude? How do you encourage worship in your own life? When do you most deeply worship?

Do you ever look at God as just a Santa Claus? Do you have a child or relative that is finds it easiest to be excited at Christmas because they're greedy for the gift? Do you think children really enjoy Christmas because Jesus is born? How do you encourage the right attitude about Christmas at your house?

How do become greedy for the giver? Do you have a somewhat regular time when you stop and read your Bible, pray, connect with God? Make a commitment today to set aside at least ½ hour this week to do that. What time? What place?

Family Time: Read your kids the whole story of the leper. Explain the seriousness of leprosy. Ask your kids why only 1 leper came back to thank Jesus. Ask them how your family can be more thankful to God for what He has given you.