



**FROM THE BIBLE**  
Luke 17:11-19 (NLT)

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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 1 | Count Your Blessings

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1. In this message, Joel started out by talking about things that make him feel *simply stressed* instead of *simply blessed*. What are some things that trigger your stress and distract you from feeling simply blessed?
2. How would you describe what a blessing is?
3. In this message, Joel said, *if you count your blessings, your blessings will begin to count*. What do you think that means and do you agree or not?
4. Read Luke 17:11-13. What's not a blessing that these 10 men are facing & what did they do with the situation that surely would have made them feel *simply stressed*?
5. When the lepers asked Jesus for mercy...they were saying, *help! We're tapped out over here!* Have you ever done that in your life?
6. One thing this story teaches us is, *you may not find blessing right away, but you will find blessing on the way*. Read Luke 17:14 and discuss how these lepers actions supported that idea and what could that mean for us in our life?
7. Sometimes, we wait on God to bless us before we trust him with the situation. Have you done this before? After answering that question, discuss this quote from the message, *a lot of times, we're waiting on the miracle, but what if the miracle is waiting on you?*
8. Another area we focused on in this message is to *count our blessings*. In our culture (and maybe in your life), do we tend to count our blessings or compare our blessings?
9. In this message, we said, *the more we compare, the more we despair*. Discuss that idea.
10. Read Luke 17:15-19. How did this story conclude?
11. Joel concluded this message by challenging us to be the one that comes back & thanks Jesus for our blessings. Let's practice that. Can you share 5 blessings in your life that you'd like to thank Jesus for?