

Text: Colossians 2:6-7

Big Idea: An absence of gratitude results in grumbling and self-pity. When believers grumble, it is like saying that God is not good enough.

- Gratitude should be your default posture
- To have an outpouring of gratitude be aware that:
 - o God <u>created</u> you
 - We deserve <u>nothing</u>
 - We receive <u>eternal life</u>
- Gratitude comes from a <u>humble</u> heart

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How are polite behavior and Biblical gratitude different?
- 2. What things in our culture set expectations that we deserve something more or different than what we have?
- 3. How often do you make prayers of petition? Prayers expressing gratitude? Are your prayers of gratitude more or less specific than your prayers of petition? Explain.
- 4. How do you react to the thought that complaining is offensive to God?
- 5. What are steps you can take to cultivate a humble heart?