

Small Group Questions

11/29.15

Dale Oquist Speaking

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. What was the best thing that happened to you this week?

LOOKING BACK:

The more a person understands the grace of God the more giving and thankful they naturally become. There are numerous Biblical passages about this connection between grace and gratitude. This past weekend, Dale shared one of those passages. It is an obscure Old Testament story that shows how amazing God's grace is – and the corresponding gratitude from an unlikely character.

2. How did you spend Thanksgiving? How did you express your thankfulness? Who did you call, text or post on their wall to make sure they knew how thankful you are for them?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Verse: 2 Kings 5:1-19

What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday? Naaman took dirt from the Jordan River to help him to remember and worship God for the rest of his life.

3. What do you do or what/who do you have in your life that helps you remember God's grace and what he has done for you?

On Sunday, Dale explained that, "Grace and gratitude will always go together. To be a grateful person, just focus on the grace that has been given to you."

4. How does focusing on God's grace in our past help us to be grateful today and also fuel our future faith? Encourage each other by sharing personal stories or examples of this.

TAKING IT HOME:

Read John 11:21-22 together. We should not only thank God *for* His answers, but also thank God *before* He answers. Too often we settle for, "*Well I guess this is just how it was meant to be.*" Like Martha, we can have an "even now" faith and an "even now" thanks.

5. What is something you need to have an "even now" kind of faith and thanks about (even if it seems impossible, even if it seems dead, even if you've given up hope)?

Wednesday Nights: *Join us at Peoples Church for our ongoing classes and Bible Studies for adults, youth and children on Wednesday nights at 7p*

Christmas at Peoples Church:

- *Our Christmas production, "Hope Is Alive" will be performed on Sunday, December 20, during our regularly scheduled gatherings at 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30am, with an additional performance at 5:00pm that day.*
- *For our Christmas Eve Celebration, on Thursday, December 24, we will have 3 powerful one-hour candlelight gatherings. These will be held at 2:00, 3:30, and 5:00pm. Choir and Orchestra will participate and it will be a great time for families to celebrate this season together.*