

## **BUT FIRST, GIVE THANKS – Sermon Outline**

### **INTRODUCTION**

We live in a world full of “But first...” priorities.

But God is calling us to a posture of: BUT FIRST — GIVE THANKS.

### **THE POWER OF GRATITUDE**

Gratitude = recognizing God as the source of every blessing.

Gratitude opens doors complaining closes.

Gratitude changes us before it changes our circumstances.

### **THE TEN LEPERS (Luke 17:11–19)**

Leprosy = isolation, separation, desperation.

Only one returned to give thanks.

Principle: Gratitude must be expressed.

### **THE PATTERN OF THE 10%**

One returned — 10%.

God does more with the 10% than we can with the 100%.

### **THE BLESSING OF THE ONE WHO RETURNED**

Jesus: “Your faith has made you whole.”

SOZO = saved, healed, delivered, restored.

### **3 STEPS TO A “BUT FIRST, GIVE THANKS” LIFE**

1. Deal with a selfish heart.
2. Deal with a grieving heart.
3. Develop a generous heart.

### **CLOSING**

Psalm 100:4 — Enter His gates with thanksgiving.

Gratitude opens the door.

Generosity keeps it open.