



Thanksgiving Choices

November 26th, 2023

Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Take some time to look up and read out loud together: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

1. How many different directives are given in this passage?
2. What is the overall theme of them when taken together?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. "Give thanks in everything" sits at the end of a list of directives that indicate hard and uncomfortable situations and challenges. In what ways does this tell us that thankfulness is a choice?
4. What is the connection between "pray continually" and "Rejoice always"/ "Give thanks in everything"?
5. Vs 12-15 describe how we are to engage those inside the fellowship of the Church who are, in different ways, challenging to associate with. We live in a culture that tells us to mind our own business. In what ways does this pose a challenge for us if our engagement of other believers is "the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"?
6. Vs 19-22 describe the Spirit's work of discernment in the life of a believer. What is discernment? Think together if there is any connection between how we are to engage hard situations "with thanksgiving" and walking in Spirit empowered discernment.

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****