

Giving and Gratitude: Having Open Eyes
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
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How was gratitude part of the life of Jesus?

Matthew 14:12-19

Luke 22:17, 19

Luke 24:30

John 11:41

Contrast with Luke 18:11

Quote of the week: “I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”—G. K. Chesterton

Small Group Discussion questions:

- a. What are some specific, actionable ways to thank God for specific blessings? (E.g. thanking God for food and health by making a meal for someone with medical needs.)
- b. What are your “evergreen” thanks to God? What are you newly thankful for?
- c. Read Psalm 119:18. What new wonders has God shown you in his word? ...In his world?
- d. Is there a place in your life where you would like God to stir gratitude?