



The Attitude of Gratitude

Discussion Group Leader Handout

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Questions

1. The Command of Thanksgiving

- i. Why is it important as a believer to display thanksgiving? How does it affect other believers?
- ii. In what ways can you grow in your thanksgiving?
 - i. In the private areas of your life
 - ii. In the public areas of your life
- iii. Can you share what you are thankful for at Anchor Bible Church?

2. The Sin of Thanklessness

- i. What are the dangers or implications of living a Christian life with an attitude of ingratitude?
 - i. For yourself
 - ii. For your family
 - iii. For your church
- ii. How do we as believers combat the sin of thanklessness?

- iii. What scriptures have been an encouragement to you lately to build up your thankfulness?
 - i. A bible study
 - ii. A devotion
 - iii. A sermon
- iv. What are the consequences for living your life with thanklessness?

3. The Will of God for You in Christ Jesus

- i. How do we know what the will of God is?
- ii. Does your life look like the character of Christ who was perfectly obedient to the will of God?
 - i. How can you be encouraged by the life of Christ to not only say “Not my will, but Yours”, but to actually believe it?
- iii. Read Romans 8:28 and discuss its implications and applications for your eternal soul.

Prayer Requests

- *Pray that ABC would be a church that is growing in the attitude of gratitude in every area of their life*
- *Pray that ABC would fight hard against the sin of thanklessness, and seek to fill our minds and hearts with the truths of God and His attributes*
- *Pray that ABC would seek display the will of God as it says in Romans 12:1-2, that we would offer up ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to the Lord, being transformed by His word to prove what the will of God is*