

5-Who Needs God? Thankfulness



Luke 22:14-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Colossians 3

1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. In what situations or times to do find yourself thankful? Would you consider yourself to be a thankful person considering the following quote: "If all you had today was what you thanked God for yesterday - what would you have?"
3. In your estimation, do you think we need God to be truly thankful people? What impact has our culture had on you when it comes to thankfulness?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and discuss the implications of Paul's command that we be thankful in all circumstances! How does the idea of "trust" play into this command?
5. The statement was made that, "Jesus does not ask us to endure something that He never endured." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Consider how Hebrews 4:15 speaks into this.
6. Read Luke 22:14-19 where Jesus "took the bread and gave thanks." Read Hebrew 12:1-3 and reflect on the connection between thanksgiving, grace, and joy.
7. Do you agree with the statement, "Thanksgiving is the doorway to joy?"
8. It was suggested that "never forgetting God's grace" and "becoming an 'others focused' person" are ways to find joy in thanksgiving. What are some practical steps you can take in your life to grow in the practice of being a thankful person?