

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

10. How does a keen awareness of the depth of our sinfulness and the fact that we are no longer dead in our sins help us maintain an attitude of gratefulness for Christ's sacrifice? How might we lovingly help each other maintain such an attitude?

11. What keeps you from being grateful to God for your salvation? What are some practical ways we could overcome these barriers and grow in gratefulness to God?

12. Why is it important to remember our need for God's grace as we seek to share it with others? How might we focus on God's grace so as to increase our gratitude to Him?

Prayer Requests

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March 8, 2015

Christ Gave His Life For You

Sermon Notes

Romans 8:31-39

1. Recognizing our Sin

2. Dealing with our Sin and Seeing Others Critically Wounded

3. Living a Life of Gratefulness for our Forgiveness

How will I live, knowing that Christ gave His life for me?

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Aside from trusting in Christ, what is the biggest or most important personal life change you have made (losing weight, changing careers etc.)? What motivated you to make those changes?
2. What barriers did you face as you sought to make that change in your life? What kept you from giving up? Is your life better for making these changes?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ EPHESIANS 2:1-3.

3. Why does it matter that we understand we were dead in our sins and not simply near death, mostly dead, or just pretty bad off?
4. Why did Paul refer to his audience in past tense terms here? If in Christ these truths are past tense, then why does Paul want us to remember that past condition?

READ LUKE 17:11-19.

5. Why does Luke note that the lepers cried out to Jesus from a distance? What motivated them to try so hard to get His attention?
6. What is Jesus' response to the lepers? How would most people in the first century likely respond to a leper?
7. How did the majority of the lepers respond to being healed (v. 17)? If you were one of the nine who did not return to Jesus, how would you rationalize not going back to Jesus to express your gratitude?
8. Why did Jesus emphasize the fact the one leper who returned to give thanks was a "foreigner"? What does the Samaritan learn about himself, his healing, and about Jesus that the other nine lepers did not?
9. According to Jesus, what made the Samaritan well (v. 19)? Based on this story, how would you make the connection between faith and gratitude (vv. 16-19)?