

LifeGroup Questions
Based On: John 5:1-18
November 19, 2017

Overview

Thanksgiving. This holiday is usually marked with a large meal shared with family and friends. Within recent years Thanksgiving has become the gateway to the Christmas shopping season. Besides enjoying football and turkey what does it mean to be thankful? Merriam dictionary defines Thanksgiving as a “public acknowledgement or celebration of divine goodness.” There are many things we can be thankful for in our lives: jobs, homes, health, etc.... Is there a difference between being generally thankful for things in your life and being thankful toward God? If someone gives you a gift or does something nice for you it is easy to sit down and write them a thank you note. How do you go about expressing thankfulness to God? What does it look like? What exactly would you be thanking God for? When was the last time you were thankful for God’s love?

Bible Study: John 5:1-18

1. Discuss some things you are thankful for.
2. Read John 5:3. There were several people around the pool who needed healing and yet we only have a record of Jesus healing one man. Discuss why Jesus didn’t just heal everyone around the pool.
3. Read John 5:17. How has God been at work this past year in your life?
4. Sometimes holidays can be a difficult time for those who have lost a loved one or are experiencing a hard time. How can someone choose to be thankful despite the circumstances in their life?
5. What is one thing you can do this week to express thankfulness to God?