**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

***CONNECT:***

* *Share the silliest things you complain about. Slow "high-speed" Internet? Broken A/C in your second car?*

**The scriptures call the church to Serve & Give to one another. But what happens when our tanks are empty and we have nothing left to give? When we are empty the ones we love the most often become a threat to take what little we have left. This week we discovered that a grateful heart replenishes our emptiness so we can serve and give to the ones we love the most. Let’s learn how to foster a grateful heart!**

**Start Digging: Read Luke 17:11-18**

* *Do a quick word study. What does Mercy mean? How have you experienced God’s mercy like the mercy Jesus gave to the 10 lepers?*
* *From your own observations why did only one leper return to give Jesus thanks, while the other 9 did not? What was significant about the one leper that returned?*
* *How are you living like the grateful leper? How are you living like the other nine?*
* *How are faith and gratefulness shown to be connected in this passage?*

***READ Colossians 3:15-20***

* *How are peace & gratefulness shown to be connected in this passage?*
* *Is your life currently marked by an inner peace? How might fostering a spirit of gratitude unlock more peace in your life?*
* *Share a thing or a person you're grateful for. Share the story of how it/they came into your life. Do you see God in it?*
* *Share a job, relationship, or possession that you really want. How is your desire affecting your view of what you have?*

**Digging Deeper:**

* *What is one insight, observation, or truth that you are taking away from this study that you did not have previously?*
* *What is one intentional step that you will commit to taking this week as a result of what you have learned from this study?*

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**1 Thessalonians 3:9 (NLT)** *How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence.*

**2 Corinthians 9:11-13(NIV)** *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.*

**BECAUSE OF MY GIVING & SERVING**

 **GOD IS CHANGING LIVES.**

**GIVING AND SERVING FLOWS OUT OF A GRATEFUL HEART**

**HOW TO FOSTER A GRATEFUL HEART THAT SERVES:**

**GRATITUDE IS THE ONLY WAY IN AND THE ONLY WAY OUT**

**Psalm 100:4-5(NIV)** *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

**Acts 16:22-26 (NIV)** *The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody’s chains came loose*.

**GRATITUDE IS NEVER INVISIBLE OR SILENT.**

**Luke 6:45 (NIV)** *The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.*

**GRATITUDE BEGINS WHERE MY SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT ENDS.**

**Psalm 103:1-5 (NIV)** *Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul,  and forget not all his benefits— 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit  and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.*

**GRATEFUL PEOPLE CAN**

**FIND A BLESSING,**

**ENLARGE A BLESSING,**

**OR CREATE A BLESSING**

**IN ALMOST ANY SITUATION.**