

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Rhythms: Prayer

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Message: Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Every day, week, month, season & year remind us everything comes from our God.

1. Throughout the Old Testament, how did God build 'thanks' into our worship of Him? What intentional practices do you incorporate into your normal rhythm to cultivate a heart of thanksgiving?
2. In the Old Testament, many of the feasts and celebrations included offerings to the Lord. Do you view your financial giving as a way to give thanks for what He has blessed you with? How does giving to the Lord make you feel? How should we feel when we give to the Lord?

Read Romans 1:21-23

3. The corruption of the gentiles began with a refusal to give thanks to God. Who do you know that is trading truth for a lie? What do you think is the root of someone's refusal to acknowledge God? What are some excellent ways to come alongside individuals like this?



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Read Philippians 1:3-5

4. When Paul writes and gives thanks for the Phillipians, he is imprisoned. How do circumstances impact your temperament? Are you able to be thankful when the situation around you is challenging?
5. Paul is thankful for the Phillipian Christians because of their partnership in ministry. Consider people in your life who you are thankful for. Who is someone that has played a significant role in your development in the faith? Who is someone you are laboring together with? Who is someone you are investing in?
6. How do you feel when you are taken for granted? Because God is consistently present and active, what are some ways we may take Him for granted? How do you think it makes God feel when we don't acknowledge the good things He does for us? Or worse, when we take credit for the things only God can provide.
7. When you pray, how often do you give thanks for what God has done in your life? If not very often, why do you think that is? Is it possible that a lack of gratitude in prayer is because God is not viewed as the provider? Based upon what is revealed, consider if it would be helpful to practice the prayer of confession before moving on.
8. A spirit of complaining or dissatisfaction prevents us from being thankful. What are some things you complain about that are 'first-world' problems? (ex. The Internet is not fast enough. The refrigerator is so full you can't see what you have. Nothing good to wear). How can we take these complaints and turn them into prayers of thanks?
9. When we want to thank another person, what are some gestures we use to express our appreciation? In a similar manner, what are ways that we can show thankfulness to God? When we have a disposition of thankfulness, how does this impact our relationship with God and man?



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