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Elevation | 10:45 am
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The Leper Luke 17:11-19

Why do we not stop and give thanks to God?

"Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they?" Luke 17:17

When was the last time we stopped and thought about the difference Jesus has made in our lives?

"Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back..." Luke 17:15

How should we express our gratitude to God?

"turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at his feet, giving thanks to Him." Luke 17:15-16

Response Elements:

- First, reflect on how God has brought freedom and healing in your life.
What difference has Jesus made in your life?

- Then, thank God passionately as we sing these songs of thanksgiving.
Use the postures of the leper - glorify God, loud voice, fell on his face, giving thanks.

Next Steps:

1. **Attend the Thanksgiving Day service** on Thursday, November 27 at 10:00 am in Samsvick Chapel to express your thanks to God in worship on this special day. For more info, visit calvarylife.org/thanksgiving
2. **Begin a journal or prayer time** that specifically looks back on the ways that God has changed your life or blessed you. Then give thanks for each and every one with similar passion to the leper in Luke 17.
3. **Consider ways that you can take an attitude of gratitude beyond thanksgiving season.** Write down some ways to be thankful beginning on November 28.

LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Go around the group and just share as many things as you can that you are thankful for. Make it “popcorn style” and just have everyone shouting out answers as fast as possible.
2. Why do you think the other nine didn’t turn back, especially when they saw him turn back? Why do you think we don’t thank God more often now?
3. How can we foster a culture of gratitude in our LifeGroup? Our family? Our church?