

Bible Study: Thankfulness

Purpose: To reflect upon all God has done for us and to reckon on the fact that Jesus paid the ultimate price for our freedom. We talked about the original reason this nation was founded, to be free from tyranny and to be able to worship God as His free people.

Introduction: Ask each person to think of one thing that they are thankful for. If they are slow to respond, ask them when's the last time they were thankful for being able to walk, see, hear, or even breathe. God is so good, there's always a reason to give thanks.

Activity: I brought paper and envelopes in matching colors. I also brought pens and postage stamps. I had each person think of someone they were thankful for throughout the duration of Bible study. At the end, we each wrote a letter or two, thanking that person for the influence they've had on our lives. A few people even took extra envelopes, paper, and stamps so that they could write to more people later. I think this went over well, and would recommend it to any other Bible study leaders. ☺

PSALM 30:1-12

Q: What has the Lord done that he is thanking Him for?

Q: His anger endures for a moment, but joy is forever? What does this mean to you?

Q: What does the Psalmist do in response to God?

PSALM 118:1-29

Q: Three times God's mercy is mentioned. Isn't this a bit redundant?

Q: What does the Psalmist mean in saying His mercy *endures*?

Q: What things are listed in this chapter that we can be thankful for?

Q: What is the proper response from a thankful heart?

PSALM 136:1-26

Q: Man, does this Psalm go way overboard when talking about God's mercy?

Q: Why or why not?

Q: If God's infinitely good, then how much thankfulness is too much?

Q: Do you think He still works mightily amongst his people?

LUKE 17:11-19

Q: Why did the men cry out to Jesus?

Q: What became of their leprosy when they followed his instructions?

Q: What did the Samaritan do when he was healed?

Q: Are we ever like the other nine men, forgetting to give God thanks?

Conclusion: In closing, we talked about how in every other kingdom, it's the people who fight for the glory of their king. But, in Christianity and God's Kingdom, He was the only King who died for his people. How much more so should we be willing to lay down our lives in true thankfulness to Him? We should walk out our salvation daily, and be satisfied with what He's given us, no matter what the situation. He is indeed the Lamb of God, who made a way for us to have eternal life.