

LifeGroup Study Sheet*Nov 17th Living Grateful – In All Circumstances*

This guide is to help you in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything this week that really spoke to you? Was there anything that was brand new to you?

Introduction

We learned this week about being thankful for all things, or to be thankful in all circumstances. Name some of the things in our culture that makes this extremely difficult to do. Which of these things affects you the most?

Digging IN

Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

1. In this story, Judah was going up against an army that they would have been powerless to stand up against (v.12). However, read specifically verses 7-12. Doesn't it sound like Jehoshaphat is complaining and grumbling against God? Why does the end of verse 12 help us understand this prayer when being thankful in all circumstances?

(v.)12 – “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you God.”

2. Jehoshaphat, and all of Judah and Jerusalem bowed down in prayer worshipping the Lord before they were sent to the battle (v.18). **How do you practice being content in the presence of God in difficult circumstances?**
 - Am I only content with the things God gives me without being content with God's presence?
 - Is who I have in Christ more important than the things I possess?
3. After the people of God receive God's Word through the prophet Jahaziel – they had to have faith to trust what He says. **How do you practice being content in God's Word?**
 - Notice how Judah's response is not a call to passivity (v 16.) How does that relate to us as we trust God's Word?

- How is the Gospel pictured in what God asked Judah to do? What about in what God told them NOT to do?

4. The people of Judah had to trust that God's plan for them was the best plan possible. That meant they had to trust God even when it didn't make much sense! Who would send a bunch of choir people to the front lines of battle instead of soldiers?! (v.21,22). How do you practice being content with God's plans?

- In what ways can you practice faith by showing up in God's plan?
 - In your marriage?
 - With your kids?
 - In your job?
- **Read Hebrews 11:6.** What way can you have an active and obedient trust in God's plan for your life?

Taking it Home

One thing that was common throughout the entire story of this week's sermon – God's people prayed before, during and after the circumstances they were going through! A lot of times praying becomes difficult because we don't create space and time for it.

Here are a few practical suggestions on how to develop your prayer life:

- Pick a time.
- Pick a place.
- Pray aloud to help you focus
- Use Scripture as your guide

Which if any of these do you already tend to do? Are there other ideas or suggestions you've found to be helpful when it comes to prayer and persistence?

Praise / Prayer Requests

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