



Thanksgiving Weekend

Digging Deeper this week...

We are in Thanksgiving week. Set aside some *time* throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject of *thanks* from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Identify

On Sunday Doug said *we cannot wait until our problems are over to start walking in faith*. Think of a time you didn't step out in faith. How did things go? What did you learn?

Read

Scriptures to grow by... Luke 17:11-19, 19:10, 8:36; Eph. 5:18-20; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 8:28, 10:9; Philippians 4:6; Psalm 95:1-7; 116:17; Isaiah 29:13; Deut. 8:1-10; Dan. 6:20.

Reflect

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you think about giving thanks to God when the future is uncertain?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. Re-read Luke 17:11-19 and Isaiah 29:13. How do you respond to the statement that "relying on past testimony without evidence of present growth in grace *is an indication of a thankless life?*" What might Jesus want to say to you about this?

Respond

Moving forward... Take the *Bedtime Thanksgiving Assessment* each night this week: Did I offer anyone peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I speak words of healing or encouragement to someone? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? Did I thank God *in all things* today?