

## Activating Thanksgiving

### A. Introduction:

Lessons we learn at a very early age.

### B. The impolite lepers:

Luke 17:11-19, Leviticus 13:45

### C. One of the necessary ingredients:

Ephesians 5:17-21 (NKJV): “Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the LORD is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

Example: “Have a great Sunday, sing during the worship service, listen to an interesting message, say hi to friends, eat a nice meal, and take a nap in the afternoon.”

### D. Looking for Peace?

1:27, “striving together as one”

2:2, “being like-minded...”

2:3, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.”

2:4, “not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others”

2:14, “Do everything without grumbling or arguing

4:2, “I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.”

Philippians 4:4-7

### E. Takeaways:

Questions for Life Groups:

Do you have any testimonies of times you gave thanks and saw a good result?

Are there areas where it is hard to give thanks?