

Home Group notes for the week following Sunday 9th October 2016

THANKFULNESS

As we Gather

Life cannot grind to a halt in time of trouble and distress. We need to adjust to the change(s) and keep looking ahead in hope, because we walk with, and in, the presence of Jesus Christ (Jeremiah 29:13 Matthew 28:20b).

Reading Scripture **2 Timothy 2:8-15** **Luke 17:11-19**

Thinking Together

When catastrophes occur, differences and barriers between people disappear, as together they try / learn to adjust to the new situation / circumstances (Luke 17:12 + 16)

Is your trust / faith so strong that you act on what Jesus / God requires of you, even before you see any evidence that it will work? Discuss (Luke 17:11-14 Numbers 23:19 2 Kings 5:1-14 2 Timothy 28-9)

Discuss the following statement -

“We should build our lives on His Word and build His Word into our lives”

Luke records the meeting and healing of the 10 lepers while travelling to Jerusalem, in order to highlight

- That God’s grace / salvation is for everyone (Luke 17:16 +18)
- The divine power of Jesus and the faith response to Him of the lepers (Luke 17:14)
- The rarity of gratitude (Luke 17:15 + 18)
- The effect of gratitude on spiritual growth and understanding of God’s grace (Luke 17:19 2 Timothy 2:10 Psalm 66)

Like the nine lepers who received their healing and went on their way, we too still receive God’s blessings even with ungrateful hearts. It was only the grateful leper who learned that his faith had contributed to his healing.

Similarly only grateful Christians grow in their understanding of God’s grace and love

What is your Gratitude Quotient (level / degree)? Discuss

How do you reveal thankfulness to God in your daily life in the home? Discuss

**How do you express your gratitude to God for all He has done and is doing for you?
Discuss**

By coming to Jesus in gratitude, the thankful beggar was open to greater blessings – he was not just healed of his leprosy, but was made well (Luke 17:19)

**What is the Christian / Biblical understanding of faith that makes you well? Discuss
See also Romans 1:17 + 20-21 + 25**

Today almost every doctor's practice has or is attached to a wellness clinic. The majority of these offer very comprehensive services which contribute to most of our needs for health. All of them, however, fail to recognise one essential dimension of human need, and so lack one essential service

What is this need, and where and how can this missing service be obtained? Discuss

In Closing

The Christian inherits Christ's cross, but also inherits Christ's resurrection (2 Timothy 2:11-12). Jesus always keeps His promises; He saves us and brings us out of bondage to sin – out of the captivity of Satan.

Do you "give thanks with a grateful heart" every day?

PRAYER

God the source of all power,
your people find wholeness in your love.
Grant that our trials will not blind us to Christ's
presence among us, but that we will receive
the gift of your healing with grateful hearts.

Amen