

Growth Group Questions Week of March 20th

Giving Thanks Always—1 Thessalonians 5:18

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you will feel more comfortable sharing your ideas at growth group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

Have you ever struggled with maintaining a grateful attitude in your daily life and found yourself mumbling and complaining? Would you like to share an experience?

II. Digging Deeper

1. What does the full context of Paul's exhortation to always be giving thanks tell us about this command & who might be affected by our obedience to it?

1 Thessalonians 5:12-23

2. What's the difference between giving thanks FOR all our circumstances and giving thanks IN every circumstance?

3. What two reasons does Paul give for giving thanks always?

4. To whom are we to be thankful here? How do we know?

5. What other OT and NT passages teach this core responsibility for believers to be always grateful?

III. Making it Personal

6. What are some things God has done for you for which you are (or should be) thankful this week? This past month/year?

7. How can you (we each) develop more of a grateful spirit and attitude in your (our) daily walk with Christ?

8. What are some practical ways you can express and show your gratitude to the Lord for all He's done?

9. Who can you go to (or call, email or message) this week to express your personal gratitude for their ministry in your life?

IV. Prayer