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## The Discipline of Giving Thanks Luke 17:11-19

As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him - and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

### Learning from the lepers (Four lessons)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### Cultivating a grateful heart

1. Realize
2. Return
3. Remember

## This Week's Small Group and Personal Bible Study

### This Week's Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:18

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

### Daily Personal Reading Schedule:

- Day 1 - 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
- Day 2 - 2 Corinthians 1:12-24
- Day 3 - 2 Corinthians 2:1-17
- Day 4 - 2 Corinthians 3:1-18
- Day 5 - 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

### This Week's Small Group Study: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.*

1. What do we learn about God our Father from these verses?
2. From these verses, what do we learn about our own lives in Christ's service?
3. How has God used a Christian friend to comfort you in your time of trouble?
4. How has God brought you through suffering and prepared to reach out in compassion to hurting people?

The holidays represent a time of joy and celebration for us but for many people it is a time of depression, for loss, for suffering. Take time during these coming weeks to reach out with compassion and bring comfort to a hurting person you know. Take time out to pray for individuals that might be hurting this week.