



The Thankfulness Conundrum
Sunday Morning, November 15, 2015

Review

It's easy to be thankful for things that are awesome. It's not so easy to be thankful for tough times. And what about all those things in between? When are we supposed to be thankful? How can we be thankful for those things that are in plain sight, for those things that are hidden, and for things that we just simply don't want to be thankful for?

ICEBREAKER:

Out of all the blessings in your life that you are thankful for, which do you neglect to actually give thanks for on a regular basis? (example, I'm thankful for my wife doing laundry, but I rarely thank her for doing it)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What did Paul say about anxiety? (Philippians 4:6-7)
2. What were the Philippians to do instead of worrying? (Phil 4:6-7)

3. Joseph had a many negative things happen in his life. However, he still gave thanks, even for the bad things that happened.
 - a. Talk about some of the things in Joseph's life that didn't go so well, and how he still was able to give thanks.
 - b. Who are some other people in the Bible who gave thanks despite a difficult time or situation.
4. In the sermon, there were three main areas we discussed in which we should give thanks. They were - things in plain sight, the unknown things, and the unacceptable things.
 - a. Which of these are the easiest for you to give thanks?
 - b. Which of these are the hardest for you to give thanks?
5. We referenced Corrie ten Boom, and how she was thankful for fleas. The fleas prevented her from being molested by the Nazis. What are the fleas you are thankful for today?