



GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Talk About It

1. Have you ever done something for someone and received no thanks or expression of gratitude?

Read About It: Colossians 3:16-17; Luke 17:11-19; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4,9:7; 1 Timothy 6:17-19.

Think About It

2. **Read Colossians 3:16-17 and 2 Corinthians 8:1-4.** How does this scripture describe a Christian's life, the fellowship of the Church, and worship? How are the Macedonian churches examples?
3. **Read Luke 17:11-19.** What was it like to be a leper? Why did Jesus send the lepers to the priests rather than healing them on the spot? Why do you think all the lepers but one failed to come back to thank Jesus? What is significant about the man who did return to thank Jesus?
4. **Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18.** What is Paul saying to people who have plenty of money? What are those who are "rich in this world" to do? What should they guard against? What is promised to those who follow the apostle's guidance?

Do Something About It

5. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:7.** How is our giving and gratitude related? What does it mean to give cheerfully? Do you need to adjust the amount you give, or your attitude toward giving? Maybe both?

Colossians 3:16-17

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with THANKFUL HEARTS. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. ¹² As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, ¹³ crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" ¹⁶ He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

¹ And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. ³ For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. ⁴ They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should BE RICH in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

2 Corinthians 9:7

⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."