

"... Gratitude: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!"

(Luke 17:11-19; Ephesians 2:1-10)

I. Introduction:

A. *Thanksgiving: An American Holiday*

1. *The recording of Thanksgiving in time*
 - 1621 – *The Harvest and the Pilgrims*
 - 1863 – *President Abraham Lincoln*
 - 1941 – *President Franklin Roosevelt*
2. *The rank of Thanksgiving activities over time*
 - **Faith** and God's provision of **food**
 - **Food, family, faith** and **football**
 - **Food, football, family, faith, and shopping**
 - *The Thursday before **Black Friday!***

B. *Thanksgiving: A World Holiday*

- *Nine other nations*
- *195 total nations*
- **5.13 %** of nations

C. *Thanksgiving: A Leper's Story (Luke 17)*

- *Ten were healed*
- *One returned to give thanks*
- **10%** of those cleansed give thanks!

II. Exposition: Gratitude: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

A. *The Account (Luke 17:11-19)*

1. *The region (v. 11)*
2. *The request (vv. 12-13)*
 - *Their distance (Leviticus 13:45-46)*
 - *Their desire*
3. *The responses (vv. 14-16)*
 - *Of Jesus (v. 14a)*
 - *Of the ten (v. 14b)*

- *Of the one (vv. 15-16)*
 - *A Samaritan*

4. *The Rarity (vv. 17-18)*

- *Romans 1:21-23*
- *Philippians 4:6*

5. *The Restoration (v. 19)*

B. *The Analogy (Ephesians 2:1-10)*

A. *The Rebellion (vv. 1-3)*

B. *The Recognition (vv. 4-7)*

C. *The Reconciliation (vv. 8-10)*

- *Salvation (vv. 8-9)*
- *Sanctification (v. 10a)*
- *Service (v. 10b)*

C. *The Application (JBC 2019)*

- *The Reading (Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31)*
- *The Response ...*

III. Conclusion: Psalm 95:1-7a

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. *What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)*
2. *What did you learn in the comparison between leprosy and sin?*
3. *Why is understanding our fallenness so critical to our becoming a thankful people?*
4. *What are some reasons as to why we are quick to gripe and ask things of God and so slow or negligent in offerings thanks & praise?*
5. *What stuck out to you from the corporate time of Thanksgiving?*
6. *Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)*