

Suggested Discussion Questions for 11/21/2021

Thanksgiving Mashup

1. What is your favorite Bible verse or passage on thanksgiving? Why?

2. Work your way through the connections and passages on the outline.

What stands out most to you?

Where do you find yourself encouraged? Challenged? Convicted?

3. What is a specific step you could take in the next week to increase gratitude in your life?

After you have shared, pray for each other regarding your desires.

4. What do you see as the primary barrier(s) to cultivating thankfulness?

5. Scripture seems to focus most on WHY we should be thankful. What does that suggest to you? How might it influence your approach to growing in gratitude?

6. Sometimes people emphasize 2 broad categories for our thanksgiving: the person of God (his qualities and attributes) and His works. Do you find one easier or more natural? Why or why not?

7. It seems some things are inherently easier to be grateful for. When “good” things happen, we get what makes us feel good, our desires are fulfilled, etc. our greatest challenge may simply be forgetting to express our gratitude. When difficult, painful, disappointing and discouraging things occur, how do you cultivate genuine gratitude?

8. Why do you think Scripture encourages us to share our thanks “in the assembly” (aloud, with others present)?

9. If you don’t already do something similar, how about keeping a gratitude log for a week (or a month). Bring your log to your group and begin the next session or agreed upon number of sessions with each person sharing one point of gratitude from their log.

10. What stood out to you in this study that hasn’t been addressed yet or you would like to discuss further?