

It's About Time

A Time of Thanks

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What one word or phrase comes to mind when you think of Thanksgiving? How do we give thanks to God at a time like this?

⁷ That day David first appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the Lord in this manner. ⁸ **Give praise** to the Lord, **proclaim** his name; **make known** among the nations what he has done. ⁹ **Sing** to him, sing praise to him; **tell** of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰ **Glory** in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord **rejoice**. ¹¹ **Look** to the Lord and his strength; **seek** his face always. ¹² **Remember** the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, ¹³ you his servants, the descendants of Israel, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob. **1 Chronicles 16:7-13, NIV**

How do we give thanks to God? 1) We give thanks by _____ in the _____, not just the gift.

¹⁸ Give thanks in **all circumstances**, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV**

¹⁴ He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ¹⁵ **He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made**, for a thousand generations, ¹⁶ the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. ¹⁷ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: ¹⁸ "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit." ¹⁹ When they were but few in number, few indeed, and strangers in it, ²⁰ they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another. ²¹ He allowed no one to oppress them; for their sake he rebuked kings: ²² "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm." **1 Chronicles 16:14-22, NIV**

How do we give thanks to God? 2) _____ that He _____ keeps His promises.

²³ Sing to the Lord, all the earth; **proclaim his salvation** day after day. ²⁴ **Declare his glory among the nations**, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. ²⁵ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. ²⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations**, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ²⁹ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. **Worship the Lord** in the splendor of his holiness. ³⁰ Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" ³² Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! ³³ Let the trees of the forest sing, let them sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. ³⁴ **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever**. ³⁵ Cry out, "**Save us, God our Savior**," gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise." ³⁶ Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the Lord."
1 Chronicles 16:23-36, NIV

How do we give thanks to God? 3) _____ God's _____ and _____ by our words and actions.

Table Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest; and let these gifts to us be blessed. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Amen.

MEMORY VERSE

³⁴ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV

My next step: I will give thanks to God in all circumstances by rejoicing, remembering and declaring His goodness and love.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

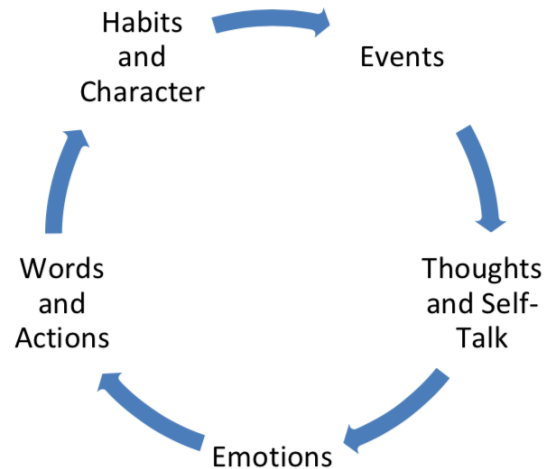
Impact Groups

It's About Time: A Time of Thanks

Getting Started: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food or tradition? Why?

Going back to Sunday

What truth from Sunday's message was most impactful for you? How has the truth made a difference in your thinking, your emotions, or your words and actions this week?



Read 1 Chronicles 16:8-13 from your notes.

Have you struggled with allowing circumstances to determine your thankfulness? What have you found to be helpful to increase your attitude of gratitude?

Read 1 Chronicles 16:14-16 from your notes.

The lie Satan loves to get us to believe is that *this time* God will not keep His promise. What proof from history (Biblical,

world, or your own personal history) helps you to remember that God *always* keeps His promises?

Read 1 Chronicles 16:23-36 from your notes.

What stands out to you in these verses?

A favorite verse of many Christ followers throughout the generations is verse 34. Why?

My Next Step

Keep a gratitude journal for the next month in which you take time each day to list everything and everyone for which you are grateful.

Doing Life Together

Take a moment as a group and share all the reasons why you are thankful for this group. Who needs to hear your reasons of gratitude for this group? How do you plan to invite that person or couple to be a part of this group for the start of our next group semester in January?

Prayer

Pray together as a group for about 10 minutes. Many groups do this in a circle format, allowing each person in the circle to pray or pass as they wish until all have had a chance to pray.

Reminders

Fall Outreach at CrossWalk: Check the Church Center App.

- November: Feed a Family – Sign up for donations or deliveries today! Got questions? Email Phil Bischoff at phil@cwlk.church.