



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What's your favorite thing to do after work?*

1. Pastor Nate reminded us that, "Humans are holistic beings that are wholly impacted by our attitudes." Read [Proverbs 4:23, 17:22](#). When have you seen your attitude (good or bad) affect your well-being?
2. Pastor Nate said the barriers to gratitude are real and are compounded when we devote time to "unhealthy attitudes and mental focus." In your experience, what events/ circumstances shift you toward unhealthy attitudes and what can you do to cut off this process before it gets rolling? See [Luke 12:25-26](#).
3. Read [Romans 1:21, 12:2](#) and [1 Thessalonians 5:16-19, 23-24](#). "We are more capable of positive change than we think we are." What attitudes have changed in you over the last few years and what precipitated that change?
4. Pastor Nate reminded us that we need to, "pursue gratitude and enable our internal lives to inform our external circumstances." How does gratitude enable you to see beyond your circumstances? (See [Philippians 4:6, 11b](#))
5. Pastor Nate asked 3 questions at the end of the Message Notes: "What is your gut response to the command to be grateful? How do you feel today (body, mind, emotions, etc)?" And, "What is the Holy Spirit nudging you to be more grateful for?" Pick one of these questions and share your honest answer with the group.

Day One: [Psalm 56](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 25](#)

Day Three: [1 Samuel 7](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 56](#)

Day Five: [Acts 28](#)

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PERSONAL GUIDE

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Gratitude ADJUSTMENT

"Gratitude Makes Me Healthier" (Part 2)

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MESSAGE NOTES

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_____ and _____ that shapes and molds our lives in extraordinary ways.

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Note Deuteronomy 6:5

a. Practicing gratitude, over time, can have a significant positive impact on our _____ and _____ chemistry.

2. The _____ to gratitude are as _____ as the benefits.

a. Our _____ response indicates our _____.

b. The _____ that we devote to unhealthy attitudes and mental focus _____ the problem. (Luke 12:25-26)

3. If we do not _____ gratitude and enable our internal lives to _____ our external circumstances, then our circumstances will _____ our internal lives. (Romans 1:21)

a. We are more _____ of positive change than we think we are. (Romans 12:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19, 23-24)

b. We are less _____ by our circumstances than we feel like we are. (Philippians 4:6, 11b)

What's my gratitude adjustment?:

- What is your _____ to the command to be grateful? This indicates your current habits.
- How do you _____ today (body, mind, emotions, etc)?
- What is the Holy Spirit _____ you to be more grateful for?

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