

"The Power of Thankfulness" 11/26/2023 Reflection Questions:

- 1. What is the difference between giving thanks "for" everything and giving thanks "in" everything?
- 2. What did you think of this statement, "Any area of my life in which I am unable or unwilling to give thanks in the midst of difficulty, that area will continue to have some measure of negative influence over my life"?
- 3. When referencing the account of Moses coming down from meeting God on the mountain and Moses observing the Israelites in sin, what did you think of this statement, "Most Christians catch a vision from God on the mountaintop but then lose sight of it in the midst of problems."?
- 4. If Jesus is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, what does this tell us regarding God's provision of solutions to problems?
- 5. In 1 Corinthians 10, why would a simple act of thankfulness sanctify meat that was sacrificed to a demonic idol (see 1 Tim. 4:3-5)?
- 6. In Jonah chapter 2:8-9, while in the fish, Jonah sings a song of thanksgiving as a sacrifice to God. Have there been times in your life when giving thanks to God was a sacrifice?
- 7. In John 6 when feeding the multitude, what was Jesus giving thanks for, if the food was inadequate to feed the multitude?
- 8. Jesus gave thanks to God on the night He was betrayed. How can thankfulness cleanse us from the negative influences of bad experiences?
- 9. If we enter God's gates with thankfulness, gates made of pearl, and if pearls are formed through constant irritation, what can we learn from this analogy?