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The Message Connect is a devotion that goes deeper into Sunday morning's message, intentionally connecting it to our lives throughout the week. Through a 15-20 minute video and discussion guide, we challenge everyone to go deeper in their faith because we believe growing people change for God's glory and their God-honoring life purpose.

WEEK SIX: THANKS

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Key Scriptures:

Luke 17:11-18

Life is full of relationships. We all need one another. We need help working on our vehicles or getting our mower started. Life hits us sideways and financially we are not sure we can make it and a family member comes through with support. We get busy and although we meant to; we forgot to say thank you. Saying thanks can be a powerful gift to those who have extended themselves for us. Saying thanks is a great way for us to remember, it's not about us. Today we are going to talk about this small, underestimated word, Thanks.

Next Steps:

1. Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

Describe a time in your life you were in trouble and needed someone to help you out.

Take a moment and think about how you felt about that situation and the person that helped you. How would you describe your attitude?

2. Start Thinking. Ask a thoughtful question.

What is something new you learned about God from the message this week?

3. Start Sharing. Here are questions to help you dig deeper into God's Word.

Take some time to read Luke 17:11-18 In this passage, only one person of the 10 returned to thank Jesus for his healing touch. Why do you think he was the only one?

Do you find yourself having a hard time saying, "Thank You"?

Take a moment and think about why might have a hard time saying Thank you. Try and be as honest as you feel comfortable.

In the Passage of Luke, he describes the leper's request.

Luke 17:13-14 (NLT) "crying out, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ He looked at them and said, 'Go show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy."

In this passage, Jesus had mercy on the ten. He understood that they would need proof of their cleansing because Leprosy is so contagious. It was the local priest that would allow them to return to their families and society upon a positive examination. There is a fascinating phrase Luke used in this passage. It is, "And as they went, they were cleansed". What does this statement say to you about your healing or deliverance from a difficult circumstance?

As you read the above statement above, what are some things you need to do to receive healing or deliverance from Jesus? What are some practical steps do you need to work on?

In today's story, all ten lepers were cleansed of their leprosy but only one came back to thank Jesus. Why do you think the others did not come back to say thank you?

Today's lesson pointed out 5 reasons for not giving thanks, Disappointment (unmet expectations), Oversight (forgot), Assumption (they already know how I feel), underestimate (it's not really necessary), Entitlement (somebody owes me). Which of these reasons do you most identify with and why?

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Paul writes, "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." "All Circumstances". These are some hard words. How can being thankful even in difficult circumstances make a difference in your life?

4. Start Praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

Take some time to pray over identified action steps. and life issues. Pray that God would continue to actively grow and mature you in Christ.

5. Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

What is God saying to you through his word? What are you going to do about it, and when?

LET OUR PASTORS LEAD YOUR DISCUSSION.

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