

# Thankful Living

Week Two: Our Lives



## Getting Prepared!

**1 Peter 3:15** *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*



Thankfulness to God for His  
character, His promises, His works



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



Contentment leads to thankfulness,  
which leads to contentment



**Colossians 2:7 NLT** *Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.*



How did last week's  
review of thankfulness  
stir in you this week?



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How can we live out  
thankfulness for all to see?





"Gratitude is a powerful weapon  
in the arsenal against anxiety."

Max Lucado



# Getting Prepared!

WHAT: What words do you specifically use to express thankfulness to God?



# *Small Group Exercise*

## Exercise:

What specific words do you actually start with when expressing thankfulness to God?

Can you think of any ways to improve that to more clearly point to the Lord?

Write your “key words” on one side of you card/paper



**Acts 1:8** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*



# *Living Out Our Thankfulness*

1. Jerusalem
2. Judea
3. Samaria
4. Ends of the Earth



# *Living Out Our Thankfulness*

1. **Jerusalem** - your closest circle of family & friends
2. Judea
3. Samaria
4. Ends of the Earth



# *Small Group Exercise*

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Discuss 2 situations YOU will have like this between now and Cyber Monday.

WHEN/WHERE: Describe the scene. Who is there?

Write your ideas on one section of your card/paper



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# Outcomes of Being Prepared

*God's praise*

*Your contentment*

*Others' encouragement*



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