



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

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This week's Dive Deeper is designed a little differently, with the hope that you will engage with your neighborhood, household and/or small group using the following activities and discussions throughout the Thanksgiving holiday. Adapt them to your specific situation.

COMMUNITY:

Encourage your neighborhood by writing expressions of gratitude to God in chalk on your sidewalk or on pieces of colorful paper and post in your windows.

Support
BackPacks for Hope
by donating the following:
Natural Peanut Butter (15-18 oz jars), granola bars, boxes of cereal or macaroni & cheese.
Items can be dropped off for the next 2 weeks, Mon.-Wed., 9-4 pm at Woodlands.

Paint/write "give thanks" or a prayer of thanks to God on a rock and hide it somewhere around town to encourage whoever finds it.

CHRIST-CENTERED DISCUSSION:

Dig into *Psalms of Thanks*

Read Psalm 106 out loud together. Contrast Israel's actions with God's actions. How can you make a practice of remembering what God has done in your life?

Read Psalm 136. What events throughout history are highlighted? What does the repeated phrase cause us to remember? Write down your own Psalm of praise with the theme of God's faithful love throughout.

OR

Summarize *I Am Statements Series*

How has your understanding and/or experience of Jesus changed throughout this sermon series so far? How have these "I Am" statements impacted your weeks?

How is Jesus revealing who God is to you this week? Are there areas of your life He's shining His light on? What is His light revealing?

FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS:

Write out Psalm 100 on a piece of paper and post it in a doorway you use often. Each time you cross it, read it with an aim to memorize it by the end of the week.

Help us celebrate what God has done at our Thanksgiving Service (Tuesday, Nov 24 @ 6:30pm) by texting something you are thankful for to 888-225-7675. We'll be using this gratitude during the service.

Get a jar or box. Have everyone in your house add things they are thankful for each day so that the pile of blessings grows throughout the week. When it's full, find a time to read them out loud in praise and gratefulness to God.

Think of a person who has had an impact on your life. Write them a text or email of thanks. Bonus: Send them an actual card or letter in the mail.

Turn a prayer walk into a gratitude walk by offering specific thanks to God during your walk.



Discuss:

How has God sustained you in 2020? How has He shown his goodness? What do these things show you about his character?

Keep a gratitude journal for a few days, focusing on a different question each day.

Who are you thankful for today?

What item are you thankful for today?

What memory are you thankful for today?

What food are you thankful for today?

What attribute of God are you thankful for today?

To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.