

Thanksgiving & The 9 Who Missed It

Luke 17:11-19

Bulletin Notes

What was the difference between the Samaritan and the others?

He SAW something the others did not see.

What blocks our vision?

- Entitlement
- Comparison
- Focusing on the Negative

He SAID something the others did not say.

If you see something, say something.

Looking Back

In the Christian life, gratitude is really important. It pops up all throughout Scripture, and is so indispensable to being a Christian that the Apostle Paul says, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess. 5:18) But how do we grow in gratitude? What makes for a grateful heart? In a seemingly small episode on Jesus' trip to Jerusalem in Luke 17, we meet ten people who help show us the answer.

Thinking It Through (agree/disagree, consider/contemplate)

"To be a saint is to be fueled by gratitude, nothing more and nothing less." Ronald Rolheiser

"The world is ablaze with the fire of God. But only those who recognize it take their shoes off." Elizabeth Barrett Browning

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough." Anonymous

Working It Out

1. Read Luke 17:11-14. What do you observe in these verses about the lepers? What do you notice about Jesus?

2. Why do you think Jesus responds the way that He does in this story?
 3. Read Luke 17:15-19. Contrast the Samaritan with the other 9. What does Jesus draw attention to in his response?
 4. How was the faith of the Samaritan different than the faith of the other 9?
 5. Matt mentioned 3 things that tend to block our vision when it comes to being grateful – entitlement, comparison, and focusing on the negative. Which of these do you struggle most with?
 6. What would it look like practically for you to express gratitude to God more intentionally? What habit or practice can you begin that can help you do this? Be specific.
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