

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 17:7-19

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite season of the year and why?

Ice Breaker: What is the nicest thing someone has ever done for you? How did you react?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 17:7-10

1. What are your initial observations with this parable? Anything surprising?
2. What is Jesus' main point in telling this parable to his disciples?
3. What does this parable teach us about who God is and our relationship to him?
4. What are the dangers of serving God while focusing on what He can give you or what you expect him to give you in return for your obedience?
5. How can we foster a heart to serve God with dutiful delight, rather than an entitlement mindset? What truths about the character of God and remembering what he's given us in Christ help us to serve with dutiful delight?
6. How does this parable bring greater understanding to the scene in John 13 where Jesus washes the disciples' feet?
7. How does the gospel empty our entitlement and fuel gratitude joyful obedience?
8. We are servants of God, but the bible also tells us that our relationship with God goes beyond that. How else does the bible describe our relationship with God? (see. Psalm 103:13; Rom. 8:14-17; Heb. 10:10-13)

Read Luke 17:11-19

9. What was so shameful about being someone with leprosy in first century Israel? (see Lev. 13:45-46)
10. What do all ten lepers get right in this story?
11. What are the surprises in this story and explain why they are surprising?
12. How does Jesus commend the Samaritan?
13. Why is it important that we follow Jesus not because of what he gives us, but for who he is?
14. What are signs that we have a thankful heart? What are some signs we have an ungrateful and entitled heart?
15. How can we cultivate a heart of gratitude towards God?
16. How do you think the parable in vs. 7-10 and the story of Jesus cleansing the lepers connect?