

# Celebration and Worship

Sunday, November 25, 2007

For your benefit, as well as for those around you, we offer child-care for birth - three year old. An usher/greeter will assist you to the preschool area. Our Sunday morning service is broadcast weekly at 11:00 a.m. on WKXX, 102.9 FM. **Please turn off your cell phones during service time.**

## LESSON FOR A HEART OF THANKSGIVING

*Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:11-19 NIV)*

### INTERESTING PARTS OF THE NARRATIVE...

**...LOCATION** – *Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. (17:11)*

**...LEPROSY** – *As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"*

*The person with such an infectious disease must wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of his face and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!' As long as he has the infection he remains unclean. He must live alone; he must live outside the camp. (Leviticus 13:45-46 NIV)*

**...LINE OF PEOPLE** – *...and he was a Samaritan. "Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"*

The purpose of the narrative is to teach us about having a heart of thanksgiving

### The Greatest Blessing...

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were <b>cleansed</b> .	(Katharizo, to make clean)
<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was <b>healed</b> , came back, praising God in a loud voice.	(Iaomai, to cure)

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten <b><u>cleansed</u></b> ? Where are the other nine?”	(Katharizo, to make clean)
<sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you <b><u>well</u></b> .”	(Sozo, to save, to make whole)

**LESSONS FOR THE HEART**

- 1. OUR TRUE THANKSGIVING COMES IN RECOGNIZING OUR TOTAL DESPERATION**
- 2. THANKSGIVING IS ONE OF THE FEW THINGS THAT I CAN OFFER GOD**
- 3. OUR THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE SHOULD NOT ALWAYS BE SO TAME**

”God grant that we on occasion be thankful enough to be loudly thankful!”

- 4. OUR THANKSGIVING CANNOT BE HINDERED BY PAIN AND SUFFERING**

”Everyone is more blessed than hurt.”

- 5. EACH SUNDAY AT MEADOWBROOK SHOULD BE A GATHERING OF PEOPLE WHO EXPRESS THANKSGIVING TO GOD**

- 6. OUR THANKSGIVING SHOULD RESULT IN FALLING BEFORE JESUS IN SUBMISSION**

”When the other nine were moving quickly to get on with their lives the Samaritan was moving quickly to get on with the life of Jesus.”

- 7. THOSE WHO CRY OUT, HAVE FAITH, SUBMIT AND ARE THANKFUL TO JESUS ARE MADE WHOLE**

***Pastor’s Suggested Daily Bible Reading...***

Monday	November 26	2 John
Tuesday	November 27	3 John
Wednesday	November 28	Jude
Thursday	November 29	Revelation 1
Friday	November 30	Revelation 2
Saturday	December 1	Psalms 138 – 139
Sunday	December 2	Psalms 140