

<u>Guidelines</u>: sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

Sermon Discussion:

1. Read Psalm 9:1-2 and review the **main points** of the sermon.

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

- a. Give thanks to cling to your hope in Christ
- b. Give thanks to remember God gives good gifts
- c. Give thanks to weaken the power of your flesh

2. Reflect and Ruminate:

a. What do you think of this quote?

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."

- G.K. Chesterton
- b. Why do we struggle to be thankful? Especially when we're hurting? What is our perspective on God's goodness in those times?
 - c. On average, how thankful do you consider yourself to be?



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3. Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions:

- a. How does thankfulness help us to fight sin?
- b. Is there an area of ungratefulness you recognize in your life? What have you been asking God to do instead of being thankful?

4. Request:

- a. How thankful are you at home with those who serve you on a consistent basis?
- b. How thankful are you at work with those who perhaps don't seem to deserve gratitude?
- c. Are there people you need to take some time and express your thankfulness to them through a card, conversation, etc?

5. Remember the Gospel:

- a. How can we grow in being more thankful for the Gospel for what Christ has done for us on the cross?
- b. Do you really see that your biggest problem is taken care of through Christ?

Prayer Emphasis:

> Praise & Prayer. Pray through Philippians 4:4-8