

## Thanksgiving Service 2023

November 19, 2023

### *Testimony #1*

1 Corinthians 4:7

7 For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

Everything is a gift.

James 1:17

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

### *Testimony #2*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Thankfulness reveals faith.

Not everything is good but God is.

### *Testimony #3*

2 Corinthians 9:15

15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

The value of the gift should determine the response of receiving it.

“The thing that awakens the deepest well of gratitude in a human being is that God has forgiven sin.” - Oswald Chambers

Hebrews 12:28

28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

**Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- 1.) What did God say to you through His word during our Sunday gathering?
- 2.) Why is thankfulness an important characteristic of a Christian?
- 3.) What difference does it make by remembering that the things you have are gifts from God?
- 4.) How thankful are you right now? How would measure gratitude?
- 5.) Giving thanks in all circumstances is challenging. What is the difference between thanking God *for* circumstances and thanking God *in* them?
- 6.) How does the gospel produce thankfulness in us?
- 7.) Pray for the each other as your approach the holiday season and ask for a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness to be expressed.