

Hillcrest Life Groups

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Do You Need a Thanksgiving Do-Over?

Psalm 111

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Get to Know You

What did you like or not like about writing poems in school? Does/did anyone write poetry outside of school assignments?

Study the Book

Read Psalm 111:1

What unique feature does this Psalm contain?

The context of thanksgiving...

1) Inward

What are times that your thankfulness has been spontaneous?

Gratitude must sometimes come without the emotions but by a deliberate act of the will. There are times I have had to tell myself, "Soul, praise your God." There are times of depression at home or in the office. I have literally had to pull out a pen and write down my blessings so that I could force my ungrateful heart to become thankful. Do you need with thankfulness? Then start with a firm determination: "I WILL extol the Lord."

What are some practical practices that help believers give thanks when they do not feel like it?

2) Outward

Read Hebrews 10:24

The word my Bible translates “spur on” is from a Greek word that could be used of a person who incited a crowd to riot as well as a person who rallied a crowd to do good. When you get together with God’s people, the fellowship will incite you, stimulate you, rouse you, and spur you on in the Christian life.

Pastor Tom

How does thankfulness in our worship with other believers personally encourage you?

Content

Read Psalm 111:2-10

Learning the basics of any endeavor involves mimicking an expert.

Those of us who need to learn how to be thankful need to mimic the three statements of vv. 2-10: “Dear Lord, thank you for saving me; thank you for guiding me; thank you for watching over me.”

Pastor Tom

Why is thanking God for your salvation an excellent beginning point to begin when you don’t feel like being thankful?

What is some great advice you have received? How grateful are you that you received it?

Why should we be thankful for God's Word?

What are some ways that God has watched over you?

How is ingratitude evidence of a spiral to depravity according to Romans 1:18-21?

Group Application and Discussion

How can our group grow together in giving thanks?

What are some ways we can be accountable to one another?

Personal Reflection and Application

Make a list of 5 things you are thankful for:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)