



# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WELCOME & ENGAGE

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- Spend time welcoming everyone as they arrive.
- Create an intentional environment.
- Watch the Ethos online experience.
- Sing, lean in, take notes, be vocal.

## OVERVIEW

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As we enter this week of Thanksgiving, we enter a time where we naturally pause and think about what we are thankful for. It is easy to rattle of the normal things like family, health, job, and friends, which are normally the things that first come to mind. But what if for a change we stop and reflect on who we are thankful to and not just on what we are thankful for?

Realizing who we are thankful to, and why, causes a shift in how we approach our daily lives. Think about the ten lepers who were healed of leprosy in Luke 17. Only one returned back to give thanks to Jesus for his healing. The other nine did not. If you were to ask the nine if they were thankful for being healed, of course they were, they no longer had leprosy. The disconnect is that they did not give thanks to God for their healing. Here is the thing, God does not want our thanks because He needs it. No, God wants our thanks because we need it! And when we practice that, our thanksgiving draws us nearer to Him, causes our faith to deepen, and helps us to live every day from a place of joy!

*“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.”*

*-2 Corinthians 4:15 (NIV)-*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What current circumstances in your life feel challenging? Where God is at work but His will has yet to be clearly revealed?
2. Do you find yourself thanking God for what He has done, or what He promises to do?
3. To “give” is to hand over. What do you need to hand over in your life so you can experience more fullness of thanksgiving?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Father, thank you that in your blessings to us every day, you have given us space to say thank you to you because we need it. We pray for hearts that always stay thankful to you and for all you do in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**