

# *Living Water Fellowship*

*Christ the King Sunday*

*20<sup>th</sup> November 2022*

*COME TO JESUS*

**SONG:** Jesus Strong and Kind

**WELCOME and PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*GROW IN HIS GRACE*

**BIBLE READING:** James 1:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Whatever is good & perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

**FAITH CHAT:**

Today...What is one gift you are particularly thankful God has given you? Why?

**BIBLE READING:** Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup> As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee & Samaria. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, <sup>13</sup> crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> Jesus looked at them & said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" <sup>16</sup> He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up & go. Your faith has healed you."

***CHILDREN'S TIME:***

**FAITH CHAT:**

Today...What is one burden you're asking Jesus to lift, or one hurt you're asking him to heal?

**THE MESSAGE:** *TABLE TALK: THANKSGIVING & PRAISE*

**SONG:** In Christ Alone

**PRAYERS:**

**The Communion:**

*Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen.**

*Worship Video during Communion: Good & Gracious King (CityAlight)*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

**BLESSING:**

**† \_\_\_\_\_, child of God,  
"Stand up & go. Your faith has healed you."  
Amen.**

**Announcements:**

**SONG:** Grace

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

**Group Bible Study/Discussion:**

1. Read James 1:17-18 & Luke 17:11-19. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say to you as you read these verses a few times to yourself? What do you find to be most important in the texts? Why?
2. Read James 1:12-16 as they lead into vs 17-18. What is James saying in this context? How could someone be "misled" not only by temptation but also by a wrong understanding of temptation in contrast to troubles, trials & testings?
3. Is there a difference between God "testing our faith" (vs 3) & "tempting" us? How are vs 17-18 along with vs 5 an encouragement in difficult circumstances?
4. How often do you "consider it great joy" when troubles trials or testings come? Have you ever been disappointed by something that appeared "good" or "perfect" but turned out to be harmful or destructive? What did you do?
5. In Lk 17, why did these lepers ask for "mercy" not healing? Why did Jesus send them to the priest instead of just healing them on the spot? (see also 2 Kings 5:9-14)
6. "As they went they were cleansed of their leprosy." Describe the next few moments among the now healed lepers as you imagine they occurred.
7. What do you imagine was going through the mind of the Samaritan just before he turned around to go back & thank Jesus?
8. What is significant about the Samaritan being the one who returned to give thanks? What does the leper do once he gets back to Jesus? Why is this significant?
9. What do you think healing would have meant for a leper in Jesus' day? Why didn't the other 9 turn back to thank Jesus?
10. Did the tenth leper leave Jesus & go home that day with something different than what the other nine received? Why/not?
11. How do you show & practice gratitude in your life? Are there times/places/occasions when you more closely resemble the 9 other lepers who did not come back? Are there practices or habits that help you to not only experience gratitude, but to also express it in thanks & praise? With whom will you share that habit & your thankfulness this week?