

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for November 17, 2024
GOODNESS OF GOD: What Gratitude Changes



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with a CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
 - Share a memory of Thanksgiving with your family growing up.
- **GROW** *in Christ* (Read the following scripture from **Philippians 2: 1-11**)

Imitating Christ's Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. **5** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; **7** rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! **9** Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
 - Paul tells the church at Phillipi, and us, to have the same attitude (or mindset as the NIV translates it) as Christ Jesus. What is that attitude? (see verses 8 and 3)
 - How does having a humble attitude help to make us more grateful as opposed to feeling entitled to what gifts we've been given?
 - In our Gospel reading for today (Mark 10: 23-31) Jesus says that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Why is that? (Hint: read Mark 10: 17-22 in light of the 1st commandment: "You shall have no other gods than God". What might the rich man's god be.)
 - The disciples' response was "who then can be saved?" How does this realization of sin, help them have an attitude of gratitude toward the salvation God will provide?
 - How does realizing the extent of our sinfulness and the depth of God's grace in Jesus lead to an attitude of gratitude?
- **SERVE** *others*

Who might God want you to share the truths about the extent of our sin and the depth of God's grace in Jesus with? Look for opportunities and do that!

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**