

the Venues

Go Deep Notes

November 19, 2017

It's Called Thanksgiving for a Reason

What around you are you grateful for?

The primary word for "Thanks" in the New Testament is "eudharist." Eu - well, pleasing, happy; charis - grace

To give thanks is to give good grace.

How does our culture use the word "grace?"

What do these Bible verses add to our understanding of "grace" (James 4:6; Hebrews 4:16; Titus 2:11; John 1:17)?

What is the connection between "grace" and "thanksgiving" (not the day but the attitude and act)?

Grace sees differently.

Read Psalm 118:24

Is it hard or easy for you to "rejoice" in today?

What did you do today that you enjoyed?

Did David mean that we are to rejoice no matter what happened that day?

Abraham Lincoln signed the Proclamation of Thanksgiving Day during the Civil War (1864).

What's your response to that?

_____ *Lincoln is living in a dream world.*

_____ *That doesn't make any sense to me. What was there to be thankful for?*

_____ *If Lincoln could find reason to give thanks during the Civil War, maybe we too can find reason to give thanks during our tough times.*

Read Luke 17:11-19

When it comes to "Thank-you" notes, are you, a. Miss Manners, b. Sir Sometimes, c. Father Forgetful?

What was significant about the man who did return to thank Jesus?

Who is a "Samaritan" to our culture? To you?

What does this story tell us about how to relate to the Samaritans in our lives?

Read Colossians 4:6

What is Paul trying to communicate with his "spice" metaphor?

How will you apply that metaphor to your speech?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:14

What is Paul praying that grace will do for people?

Sarah Hale campaigned for a National Day of Thanks. Her motive was "to quicken the sympathy that we are one family..."

How does gratitude produce a sense of unity?

Read Hebrews 12:15

How does a person "miss the grace of God"?

What result is mentioned of not living in grace and extending grace?

Any bitter roots in you?

Earlier this month, a Muslim man forgave and gave a hug to the young man who killed his son. The man said, "Forgiveness is the greatest gift of charity in Islam."

What do you think of that statement? Surprise? Disagree? Confused? Inspired?

Educated? Other?

Communion is a way we express our need for grace and our desire to live and give grace.