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Thankful and Faithful Luke 17:11-19

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"...when he saw that he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <u>He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him.</u>" Luke 17:15-16

Big Idea: God's goodness and mercy deserve our heartfelt thanks.

1. When it comes to writing "thank you" notes, do you 1) prepare the card ahead of time, 2) procrastinate writing the note, 3) feel guilty because you do nothing, or 4) ignore the whole thing?

2. Read **Luke 17:11-19**. Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one returned to thank Jesus for healing him. As one of the nine, how would you have rationalized not going back to Jesus to say "thanks"?

What has Jesus done for you that you haven't thanked Him for?

3. Read **v.16**. This passage tells us that the one who returned was a Samaritan. Why is his ethnicity significant to this story?

4. Read **v.19**. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Your faith has made you well"?

Nine others were also healed, did they not have faith?

5. If faith is expressed through gratitude, what might be said about your faith based on your expression of gratitude?

6. List all the things for which you want to give thanks to God. Devote some time to do that in prayer.