

Word of Life Lutheran Brethren Church
Community Group Bible Study – week of Feb. 22nd
Give Thanks

Open with prayer as you begin. Pray specifically for the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind in order to understand God's Word.

How often do you think intentionally about the gifts that we have been given? As a group, when you ask for prayer requests how many are “needs” compared to “praise” for needs that have been met? Even when we’re struggling it is good to slow down and acknowledge the good things that we have been given and ought to be thankful for.

Read Phil 4:4-6

Notice that Paul says to “let your requests (*needs*) be made known to God” with thanksgiving. Why is gratitude so closely tied with request? Shouldn’t the gratitude come later?

Is “thanksgiving” a regular part of your prayers?

Read Ps 136:1-3; 2 Cor 2:14-17

What have you learned about God lately? How has He spoken to you through His Word? Has a passage of scripture been especially meaningful to you? What Biblical truths have you relied on lately to get you through the day?

Do you regularly acknowledge when God has blessed you with a growing knowledge of and faith in Him? Why not?

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Read Col 3:15-17; Eph 5:17-21; Matt 6:9-11

How has God provided for you? (This could be anything from monetary to emotional or spiritual.) In what ways has God given you your “daily bread”?

How have you overlooked the blessings that you have been given?

Read 2 Cor 1:8-11; Hebrew 13:15

How has God blessed you through His church (*remember the church is His, not ours*)? What are you thankful for in your church? Who are you thankful for?

Is there a particular ministry that has meant a lot to you or your family? Why is that ministry important to you?

Close in prayer. Pray about your needs and the things that concern you, but be sure to give thanks for the ways that God has provided for you.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.