

## NOT A NORMAL THANKSGIVING

LUKE 17.11-19

### Important stuff Luke wants us to know :

- Jesus is the new #1.
- Jesus paid special attention to ‘outsiders’.
- The people who should ‘get it’, don’t.
- God does not want us to go back to normal- he wants to save us.

### How to Celebrate Thanksgiving During a Not-Normal Time

#### 1. It’s OK to Lament.

*They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” v12-13*

#### 2. Obey Jesus and Anticipate God at Work in Your Life

*And as they went, they were cleansed. v14*

*...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.*

Philippians 2.12-13

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us... Ephesians 3.20*

#### 3. Live a Life of Praise and Gratitude

*One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice....and thanked him v15-16*

*Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, **always giving thanks to God the Father for everything**, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 5.19-20

*Rejoice always, pray continually, **give thanks in all circumstances**; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8.28

#### 4. Surrender to Jesus.

*He threw himself at Jesus’ feet... v16*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.*

Matthew 16.24-25

**As we come to the Table for Communion, we remember that God does not want us to go back to ‘normal.’ He wants to change us and make us whole. What do you think God desires to change in your life?**

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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