

STAY POSITIVE: PART 2 – BE GRATEFUL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

We don't have to look far to find negativity in the world around us. In fact, most of us probably know people who can find something (or anything) to complain about. We often take things for granted and want more, sometimes even believing we deserve more. What gets lost in the mix is gratitude, especially gratitude for what we already have. In a world mired in negativity, being grateful is great – and possible.

READ LUKE 17:11-19

- Do you agree there are people who are naturally grateful and those who are naturally negative? Why or why not?
- What messaging does society send to us that points toward dissatisfaction with what we have?
- Why do you think it's so easy to be negative and challenging to stay grateful?
- What type of desperation were the 10 lepers experiencing when they saw Jesus?
- What expectations might the 10 lepers have had when they cried out to Jesus for mercy?
- In what ways did Jesus telling them to go show themselves to the priest not meet their potential expectations?
- How do you think you would feel if you were one of the lepers cleansed on your way to the priests?
- Why do you think the one came back to Jesus with gratitude?
- Why do you think the nine did not return to Jesus with gratitude?
- Why does it take intentionality to find something to be grateful for (especially when we are inclined to think there's nothing)?
- What next step will you take to be grateful?

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