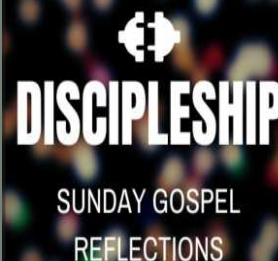


In preparation for October 12, 2025, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C:

**Theme - Gratitude is the Faith that comes back to say,
"Thank You".**

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God? Then He said to him, 'stand up and go; your faith has saved you.'" (Verse 17-18) Luke 17:11-19



Adults

1. In this Gospel account the focus is on how one healed man came back to give thanks and glorify God. We can assume that this man was not only healed physically but also spiritually. Think of a time when you were healed by God spiritually or physically. Did you recognize the gift? Why or why not?
2. Why can our faith not be passive in nature? What do we receive when we return every blessing with an act of recognition?
3. The leper is healed by Jesus and saved by his acknowledgement of God's action. How does the act of recognizing the gifts bestowed on us by God, help us affirm our faith?

Obstacles for living out the Gospel: Not recognizing the gifts bestowed on us.

Teens

1. What does this story teach us about gratitude and faith? Why do you think Jesus pointed out that the one who returned was a Samaritan? Gratitude requires noticing and responding. How can we train ourselves to notice God's work more? How is the Samaritan in the story a role model for us today?
2. What might the other nine lepers have missed out on by not returning? Is there a time in your life that you may have missed out on an opportunity to encounter God by your lack of response to His blessings?
3. What does this Gospel tell us about God's mercy being offered to everyone-even outsiders?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Like the 9 lepers who didn't return, we may move on quickly in our daily lives, without recognizing or acknowledging God in our healing or success.

Children

1. Who's generosity do you tend to take for granted? How will you change this?
2. Did you know that if you are thankful for a present, you tend to enjoy the present more? Why do you think this is?
3. When have you failed to say thank you? Why do you think it is important to say thank you? Do you think it is important to write thank you notes to the person who has given you a present? Why or why not?
4. What gifts does God give us every day that we don't often stop and thank him for? On days where we are busy or unhappy, how can we remind ourselves of the gifts that God has given us that day?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Lack of gratitude, thinking we are entitled to God's gifts and taking them for granted.

