

# DIFFERENT

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## Reflection Questions

- Why is thankfulness to God so important?
- How does thankfulness set the tone for whatever you have to face in life?
- What are some blessings you are thankful for? Why?
- What are some hardships you are thankful for? Why?

## Big Thought <sup>1 Peter 4:12-19</sup>

As a follower of Jesus, you are to understand life on a DIFFERENT LEVEL.

## How a Christ Follower is Different

- I. You understand that trials & suffering allow you to RELATE to Jesus. <sup>1 Peter 4:13</sup>
- II. You understand that when insulted for Christ you are BLESSED. The Spirit of glory & of God RESTS on you. <sup>1 Peter 4:14</sup>
- III. You understand that JUDGEMENT STARTS with God's people. <sup>1 Peter 4:17</sup>

## Thanksgiving Focuses the Follower on God

In all CIRCUMSTANCES you are to thank God & COMMIT yourself to your faithful Creator & CONTINUE to do good.

When you are thankful you respond differently to adversity. <sup>1 Peter 4:19, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</sup>

## Five Gratitude Suggestions

1. CULTIVATE a GRATEFUL heart. <sup>Psalm 103</sup>
2. Increase your AWARENESS of GRUMBLING. <sup>1 Corinthians 10: 9-10</sup>
3. Maintain a GRATITUDE JOURNAL.
4. Write a GRATITUDE LETTER to a specific person.
5. Make gratitude a THEME for family & friend time.

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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## THIS WEEK

Our regularly scheduled activities (KidsPoint, GSM (grades 6-12) & Growth Groups) will not meet on Wednesday, November 23 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy this time of thanksgiving!

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## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

We need your help! GracePoint is ringing bells for the Salvation Army Friday, December 9 & Saturday, December 10 at Hy-Vee & Monday, December 12 & Tuesday, December 13 at Lewis. There are only 5 spots left to fill; the time slots are one hour. You can do this individually, as a couple, as a family or a Growth Group. Please sign up using the following link [gpw.church/bellringing](http://gpw.church/bellringing).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, December 11 - Kids Program & Christmas Sweater Sunday
- Wednesday, December 14 - Family & Friends Night
- Friday, December 23 - Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m.  
*\*Childcare will not be provided.*
- Saturday, December 24 - Candlelight Service 4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
*\*Childcare will not be provided.*
- Sunday, December 25 - One Morning Service at 10:00 a.m.  
*\*Childcare will not be provided.*
- Sunday, January 1 - Two Morning Services at 9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
*\*Childcare for 0-2 years old only.*