Kingdom Economy - A Kingdom of Gratitude and Joy November 30, 2025

As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

## Open Up:

What is one small thing that brought you joy this past week?

## **Read Together:**

## Psalm 100:1-5

Shout for **joy** to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord **with gladness**; come before him **with joyful** songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; **give thanks** to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

# Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

### **Ephesians 1:3**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

#### Romans 1:8

**First, I thank** my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:4

I **always thank** my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way...

## Colossians 1:3

We **always thank** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you have for all God's people.

## **Philippians 1:3-5**

I **thank** my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with **joy** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...

## Ephesians 1:15-16

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped **giving thanks** for you, remembering you in my prayers.

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

We **always thank God** for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:3

We **always ought to thank** God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

#### Philemon 1:4, 7

I **always thank** my God as I remember you in my prayers...Your love has given me **great joy** and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

#### Colossians 3:15-17

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Discuss Together:**

- What has stood out to you from this series?
- "The practice of gratitude leads to a life of unprecedented joy." Do you agree with this statement? Where have you seen gratitude increase your own joy?
- The Samaritan leper returned to thank Jesus. Why do you think he responded differently from the others?
- "The blessings of God are primarily spiritual in nature, not earthly, physical blessings. It's grace, it's peace, it's contentment, it's joy." If God removed some of the physical

blessings you enjoy, would grace, peace, contentment, and joy still be enough for you? Why or why not?

Stephen challenged us to be joyful this week and practice gratitude. How will you do this?

## Pray:

Pray that God would help you notice where your attention is going this week—ask Him to shift your focus from stress and worry to His goodness, presence, and steady Kingdom.

## Invitation:

Choose one person to encourage or thank this week intentionally–send a text, make a call, or tell them in person how their life has blessed you.