

Events

Cookie Fundraiser

Want to help update our classrooms? Buy/sell some Otis Spunkmeyer cookies. All proceeds are going to improve the classrooms. Order forms are located in the foyer.

St. Patrick's Day Party

Life Pointe Kids ages 3 thru grade 6 are invited to a party on Sunday, March 17th from 3:00p to 5:00p.

Hope House Activities

Hope House activities are FREE and open to everyone.

Family Fun Night—March 12th

6:00p—7:30p

Join us for a meal, good conversation and a family craft.

Free Resume Session—March 12th at 5:00pm

Free Resume Session—March 20th at 10:00a

Parenting Class—Thursday, March 14th

11:00a OR 6:00p—*Learn how to reach your child's heart and build a great relationship.*

Women's Faith Conversations

Every Wednesday 9:30a—11:45a *Open to women of all ages.*

First Sunday
of
Lent



“What are you grateful
for today?”

March 10, 2019

Question of the Day... List the top 3 things you are grateful for today:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

“Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for.” *Zig Ziglar*

The Purpose of Lent:

Lent invites us to 40 days of self-examination through: _____, _____, and _____

All this is to help us: “see Jesus more _____, love Jesus more _____, and follow him more _____”

The story of Jesus encounter with the 10 lepers

The Story of the lepers is a story of faith as “_____ - _____”: They did what Jesus told them and they were healed as they acted on their belief

It is also a story of _____: The Samaritan leper returning to Jesus with thanksgiving for bringing him back to life by healing his leprosy

“Gratitude enables us to be the change we want to see in our life and world.”

THE SAMARITANS:

Who were the Samaritans in Jesus day?

Who Might be considered the “Samaritans” in our day?

GRATITUDE ... It is more than a thank you. It is a response to what’s been done for us

_____ is a deep sense of appreciation, something that fills you with joy and emotion. It’s more than saying _____ or _____ that you have that others don’t. _____ should truly move you to the core. When you feel a true sense of gratitude, it _____.”

THE _____ AT THE WELL... IN GRATITUDE SHE WENT AND TOLD THE TOWN ABOUT JESUS AND ALL HE HAD TOLD HER

THE _____ RETURNED TO GIVE THANKS TO JESUS (A _____, AND AN _____)

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN IS A STORY OF ... _____ IN _____

ACTION: How might you show your gratitude over the next 40 days?

1. One of the theme’s Pastor Jeff mentioned in this passage is the concept of “while traveling to Jerusalem.” That phrase or concept is repeated many times in the Gospel of Luke. The whole purpose of Luke is to show Jesus moving closer and closer to Jerusalem. What happens in Jerusalem? Jesus is mocked, rejected and ultimately crucified. We are tempted to tell people, “If you follow Jesus you will be blessed and have a happier life.” But if we’re honest, we might have to tell people, “If you start following Jesus, you could be heading to Jerusalem where life might get tough. You may get crucified. Your friends might call you a religious fanatic. You may not get that job promotion because your integrity won’t allow you to cut corners to save the company money, or your family may not support your new commitment to Christ.” Someone once said, “It is better to tell people the truth about following Jesus. Tell them about the blessings. But also tell them about the pain, suffering and loss for Jesus’ sake that could be headed their way. If we tell people that, the Gospel will spread further and faster and stronger than ever before.” **If someone would have explained the Gospel to you like that, how would it have affected your decision to follow him or not? Be honest.**
2. List specific ways your life has been better since you started serving Jesus.
3. In what ways has your life become more complicated and difficult as a follower of Jesus? (i.e. relationship problems, strained friendships, moral conflicts, financial stresses, etc.)
4. Jesus said to the leper, “Your faith has saved you.” Some translations state, “Your faith has healed you.” **If you’ve prayed for healing from a disease (or any type of prayer request – financial help, relationship help, etc.) and God didn’t “heal” your disease or save you from bankruptcy... does that mean you didn’t have faith?**
5. Jesus essentially says to the leper who returned to thank him, “Has no one else given God glory?” **When God did something good for you, how did you “give God glory?” Give an example how.**
6. **List 5 problems or negative things in our world today.**
7. **List 5 wonderful or positive things about our world currently (NOTE: List ones that are different from what you may have written in your sermon notes).**
8. **Which list took you longer to compile? What do you conclude from this?**
9. All ten lepers were healed by Jesus, but only one returned to thank him. **Has someone ever done something kind to you but you never actually thanked them? What kept you from thanking them?**
10. **Do you think it’s easier to focus on our problems instead of our blessings?**
11. **We’ve rarely seen a person who was both ungrateful AND happy at the same time. Why do you think gratitude and happiness often go together?**
12. **Is it easier to be grateful when you have MUCH or when you have very LITTLE?**
13. Imagine a book publisher hires you to write a best-selling book on how to raise grateful children who grow into grateful adults. **What would be your 3 most important points?**
14. **Of everything we discussed today, what hits you the most right now?**
15. **What needs to happen next for you to obey Jesus in this?**
16. **Let’s pray the Lord’s Prayer Together in Matthew 6:9-13.**