

Where Were the Nine?

Thoughts on Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Introduction:

A. *Luke 17:11-19* documents the healing of ten lepers by Jesus.

1. Ten lepers were healed, only one leper, a Samaritan, turned back and gave Jesus thanks.

2. Jesus asked, “*Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?*”

B. Imagine being Peter, tracking the nine down and asking, “Why didn’t you return to give thanks?”

I. “Jesus knows I’m thankful, I don’t have to _____ it.” (*1 Thes 5:18*)

II. “I was getting better _____.” (*3 John 2*)

III. “I was the one who _____ to the priest; Jesus didn’t do anything.” (*Eph 3:20-21*)

IV. “No one else turned around, went back, and gave _____.” (*Matt 7:13-14*)

V. “The Samaritan went back? Well, he gave thanks for _____ of us.” (*Col 3:17*)

VI. “I don’t have leprosy now; maybe I _____ had it.” (*Phil 4:6*)

VII. “The _____ healed me.” (*Acts 17:28*)

VIII. “I’m good right now, but I’m just not sure it’s going to _____.” (*Job 14:1*)

IX. “I’ll thank Jesus _____.” (*Prov 3:27-28*)

X. Why did the one return? (*Luke 17:15-16*)