

Christmas...Make it count!
Say Thanks!
Luke 17:11-19

2 Questions for the Christmas Season

- Do you ever struggle with an attitude of **grumpiness**?
- Do you ever have an attitude of **entitlement**?

A Story: Jesus honors an attitude of **thankfulness**.

- Out of their desperate situation, 10 lepers **cry out** to Jesus.
- ¹ "As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[a] met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'" Luke 17:12-13
- As an act of faith, they **do** what Jesus tells them to do.
"When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed." Luke 17:14
 - Although all 10 are **healed**, only 1 returns to **thank** Jesus.
"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? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'" Luke 17:15-18
 - Jesus **blesses** the 1 healed leper for his thankfulness.
"Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'" Luke 17:19

The Lessons

- We need to be **attentive** to what Jesus has done for us.
- We need to **thank him** as the real source of those blessings.
- Our thankfulness will **deepen** our relationship with Jesus.
- Our thankfulness will **banish** grumpiness and entitlement from our lives.

A Christmas Season Suggestion: Make it a habit during this season to do a daily time of attending to what Jesus has done and thanking him for the specific ways he has blessed your life.