

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for November 8, 2020
Simply Thankful: Time and Relationships



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
 - How has your perspective on Time and Relationships changed in the last year?
- **GROW** *in Christ*

Ephesians 5: 15-20

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today?
 - What opportunities might God have for you in this time of pandemic to use your time and relationships to reach out to others for His glory and to further His Kingdom?
 - Verse 20 says “always giving thanks to God the Father for everything!” That would include giving thanks for the pandemic. How might giving thanks for the pandemic open you up to God’s will for you in this time?
 - In the sermon it was stated that “Being Simply Thankful for all things really comes down to trusting that God is still in control, even when our feelings and our understanding tell us that everything is out of control.” Comment on a time in your life that looking back you can see God’s control but couldn’t at the time.
- **SERVE** *others*
Prayerfully ask God to put someone on your heart that needs to be reminded that God loves them and so do you. Then call them and let them know they are not alone.
 - **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**