

Sermon Series: "Harvest of Hope"

Message Summary: Gratitude cultivates the environment where breakthroughs happen. If the environment of our heart is cold / calloused - hard / closed off to God, it's tough to experience a breakthrough. Gratitude helps to create the environment where God is welcomed. Gratitude works up the soil of our hearts and keep it from becoming hardened.

Breakthrough with Hope & Gratitude

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1. Gratitude is a faith response in difficult circumstances

1 Thessalonians 5:18; Hebrews 11:6

2. Gratitude is our testimony in a negative world

Psalms 57:9; Psalm 109:30

3. Gratitude is God's formula for supernatural peace

Philippians 4:6-7; John 14:27; Isaiah 26:3

LifeGroup QUESTIONS: All LifeGroups are on Holiday Break

BEGIN IT – (5min) Time for one praise song & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10min) – If you could ask God any three questions about how to live your life, what would you ask?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) – Review Sunday's sermon outline and answer the following questions. Make sure to give time for individual comments and questions:

1. What situations tend to test your peace?
2. Why should we give thanks in all circumstances?
3. How can you remain joyful when things go badly?
4. What has God shown you with this message or during your LifeGroup discussion?

APPLY IT- (15min) – What next steps will you apply to your life that you learned from this message? Time for prayer.

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