



Sermon Title: “Thankfulness” – Pastor Ryan McClelland

Scripture Reference: Hebrews 10:33-34, 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18

Connect: Grow together

1. In what new way did God show up in your life this week?
2. What are you thankful for this week?

Deeper: Beyond the message

3. What was the main point of today’s message? How would you summarize it in one to three sentences?
4. What did the message say about you or God’s people?
5. What did the message mean for our church?

Application and Challenge

6. What did Pastor Ryan mean by “the role of Scripture and Christianity is not to eliminate pain and suffering, it’s to equip you with the appropriate way to suffer?” Describe a time when you suffered and how your faith sustained you.
7. Re-read Hebrews 10:33-34. What perspective should we have on the meaning of these verses? How might losing your possessions for the faith affect your following Jesus?
8. Re-read 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18 in several translations. How can we give thanks all of the time? Are there circumstances where we should not give thanks?
9. Describe a time when it was difficult for you to give thanks. How did your faith sustain you?

10.Pastor Ryan listed the known and likely fates of the original 12 disciples. How could they have given thanks in the midst of that sort of suffering? Describe their likely perspective on faith and their lives. What do we learn from that type of perspective?

11.End by praying for those fellow believers truly being persecuted for their faith around the world. And pray for a deeper sense of thanksgiving in our hearts and lives.

12.Read Romans 12:2. What does it look like when Christ transforms your mind? How can He transform your mind regarding worry?

13.For some folks worry is also an extension of fear. Reread Matthew 6:25-34 again and ask God for courage and faith to overcome worry.