THE WEEKLY

New Life Small Group Guide

Giving THANKS For groups meeting Nov 22-28, 2015

WELCOME (15 minutes)

• **Ice Breaker:** What's the closest you've come to experiencing a miraculous healing?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- To prepare yourselves, have someone read aloud **Psalm 7:17** and **Psalm 95:2**.
- Then sing together #4, "10,000 Reasons" from the 2013 Worship CD
- Sing also #13, "Thank you God for Saving Me" from the 2014 Worship CD
- Take several minutes and allow everyone who wants to express brief prayers of thanksgiving to God for specific things.

WIN (15 minutes)

 Are you thankful for your salvation? If so, pray by name for individuals you are seeking to reach with the saving blood of Jesus!

WORD (25 minutes)

- 1. Have everyone open their Bibles to **Luke 17:11-19** and someone read it aloud. Why do you guess Jesus sent these lepers to the priests rather than healing them on the spot?
- 2. Which of the following can you relate to personally? In what ways?
 - The pain of a physical condition
 - The pain of social barriers
 - > Being more interested in what God can do for me than in God Himself
 - Neglecting to thank God or others
- **3.** Who do you need to thank for what they have done for you? How are you going to go about conveying your thanks to them?
- **4.** When it comes to showing gratitude to God, are you more like the one who returned or the nine who didn't?
- **5.** The man who was healed praised God in a loud voice and threw himself at Jesus' feet. What keeps you from being that expressive of your thanks to Jesus?
- **6.** How has Jesus healed or cleansed you in the past? How do you need healing or cleansing now? How can we pray for you?
- 7. If time: take turns reading these verses aloud around the circle: Psalms 100:4 & 106:1. Also 2 Corinthians 9:11-12 & 4:15-16 and 1 Chronicles 16:34; Isaiah 12:4; & 1 Thes. 5:18. Let these verses set the tone as you break down for prayer.

For next time, as we conclude the book of Genesis, encourage your people to read Genesis 41-50.

WORKS (25 minutes)

• Break into smaller groups of **2 or 3's of the same gender** to pray for each other!