

Foster City 11-25-18



Are We Feeling Full this Thanksgiving? - Dan Reid

Luke 7: 36-50

1. Share something good that happened to you today for which you are thankful?
2. Read Luke 7: 36-50
 - a. What do the actions of the sinful woman reveal about her and about Jesus?
 - b. What do the actions of Simon reveal about him and about Jesus?
 - c. How are the woman and Simon the same? Different? Which do you most identify with?
3. What helps us better understand our great need and God's great forgiveness?
4. How does being able to "count our blessings" help us get through a difficult time?
5. When you are in tough circumstances and tempted to feel unthankful how might the following blessings from own Dan's Box of Thanks encourage you? Which of these mean the most to you right now? Why?
 - a. God's promise of Grace (The empty cross - Ephesians 2:8)
 - b. God's promise of a Plan for your life (Road map - Jeremiah 29:11)
 - c. God's promise to Change you (salt - Philippians 2:13)
 - d. God's promise of Heaven for you (Giants cap - 2 Corinthians 5:1)
 - e. God's promise of Others to walk beside you (old shoe - Galatians 6:2)
6. Why is your own Community Group a reason to be thankful?
7. How can you regularly practice the Discipline of Thanksgiving?



Deuteronomy 29 - Dominic Rivera

1. Moses speaks to people who have been wandering in the desert without homes or possession. He describes a future in which they will have both. Place yourself in that audience. What emotions/thoughts/questions would be in your mind?
2. Think back to a time when you were in a figurative desert (emotionally, spiritually, materially, career-wise, etc.). What would have been different if you were told what would happen next in your story?
3. The phrase, "My father was a wandering Aramean" speaks to their story - where they came from, what led them to their current place. What significance could that phrase have for you today?
4. Israel's story was filled with both good and challenging, heartache and deliverance (cf. v.5-11). Why was it important for them to tell both sides of the story?
5. When you look back on your story, do you tell both sides or only focus on one side? Why?
6. What would be different about your current outlook if you did a practice like was done in this passage - if you looked back on what led you to here?
7. How would you design a practice for you/your family/friends/team that you lead to practice, "My father was a wandering Aramean"?