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Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of November 19, 2017

Speaker: Linn Winters. "Thankful"

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Did your family ever have a Thanksgiving day dish go wrong? Share that fun memory with the group.
2. Share a Thanksgiving tradition your family has or had in the past.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Joshua 3:** Let's go back to Joshua 3 to review the story of when God's people crossed the Jordan River.

Read Joshua 3:7-13. What do verse 7 and verse 10 tell us?

Joshua 3:14-17 tell the rest of the story of God helping the entire nation of Israel to cross the Jordan river. Joshua 4:1-24 talks about what the Israelites did to remember how God was with them as they crossed.

Read Joshua 4:1-7. Pay close attention to verse 5-7. What do those verse tell us about the purpose of the 12 stones?

MARKER for MEMORY Basically, God is asking the people of God in this passage to make a physical marker that will remind them of how God was with them and guided them in their journey. This Thanksgiving, Cornerstone wants to help you and your family or community remember what God has done, is doing and will do in your story.

2. **PAST:** Looking back on your life, what are some of the moments where you know God was with you and for you? Jot down a few bullet points to help you remember and then share one of those moments with your group.

3. **PRESENT:** What in your present can you be thankful about? Often we can get distracted by the difficulties and frustrations of our present circumstances and challenges. What are a few things you can be thankful for even in the midst of your today?

4. FUTURE:

Read Philippians 4:4-7. These verses remind us to rejoice in God, to know that the Lord is always near. To pray about everything that troubles us and with thanksgiving offer our prayers to God.

What are some future situations you can look to with faith and thankfulness that the Lord *will* be with you.

5. THANKSGIVING ROCKS:

Pastor Linn encouraged us to do one of three things this week:

1. **Create a Memorial Wall** of moments that remind you that God was with you in the past.
2. **Thanksgiving Rocks.** At thanksgiving time have everyone at your table share a moment of Thanksgiving about something in your past, present and future.
3. **Call someone** you're thankful for who has made a positive impact on your life.

Prayer Requests:

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