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**Week 3 - Thankful Worship**

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### **Colossians 3:16**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

#### **1. Thankful worship engages the \_\_\_\_\_ with the word of Christ.**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you ....” *“The word of Christ”* refers to Christ’s teaching and the teaching about Him, which means, the whole Bible. All of Scripture points toward Him ([Luke 24:27, 44](#); [John 5:39, 46](#)). The phrase, “the word of Christ,” occurs only here in the Bible. Paul uses it because he is emphasizing the supremacy of Jesus Christ to a church plagued with false teachers who denied Christ His rightful place. The Scriptures are the word of Christ in that they speak to us about Christ and they direct us to Christ as Savior and Lord.

#### **2. Thankful worship engages the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in joyful singing to Christ.**

“Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

While the word of Christ enables us to worship God in truth, singing allows us to worship Him in Spirit. To worship rightly, we must know God as revealed in His Word of truth. Singing is one way to express our love for God and gratitude for what He’s done for us in Christ. It’s no accident that the longest book in the Bible is a song book, and God called its main author a man after His heart.

#### **3. Thankful worship extends to all of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Colossians 3:17** - “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

This extends thankful worship beyond Sunday to every day of the week. There’s no sacred-secular division for Christians. All of life is a sacred experience of living gratefully under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

## **QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

### **Personal Life:**

1. What has helped you most in getting into the Word? What has been most difficult about it?
2. Is it sin to feel down at times? Must I always be joyously thankful? Is this even possible?

### **Ponderings:**

3. How do you engage your mind in worship?
4. Why do you think that singing is stressed so much in the Scriptures? What makes a song so powerful in worship?
5. How is thankfulness actually a form of worship?
6. How do you feel when you see others who are very demonstrative in corporate worship? Does that encourage you, or does that distract you in worship? Why? Are you critical of others who do not worship in the same way that you do?

### **Promptings:**

7. In what way should worship be a part of our everyday life? How do you personally worship God throughout your day?
8. How do you remain thankful when life gets hard and is not going as you planned?