

Thank God

Creating Space
for What Really Matters

WEEK 4

ONE-MINUTE RECAP

Pastor Graham walked us through what makes a gift perfect. In our culture, we often think of gifts as responses to our demands, requests, or responses in relationships. In those cases, the value of the gift depends on the person asking. However, when it comes to the kind of Gift that God gives, he does not consider our worthiness. When it comes to the generosity of God, we can do nothing to add to the gift of Jesus, however, we can choose to reciprocate such generosity.

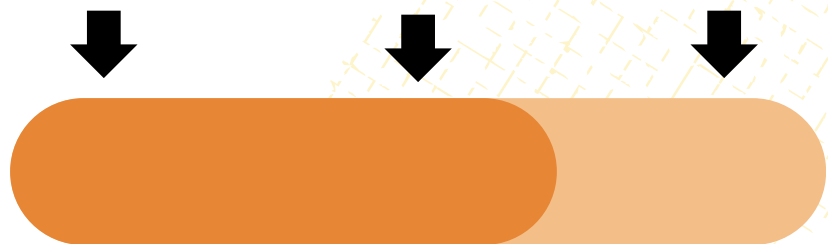
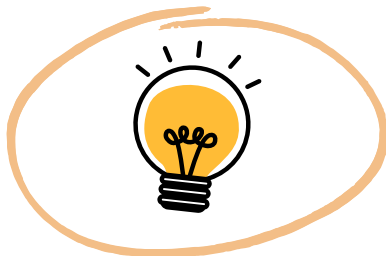
THANK GOD - ICEBREAKER



- Describe the best gift you've ever been given. Why was it meaningful or memorable?

HOW DO YOU RESPOND?

When you heard this quote, how did you respond? "A great gift will inspire praise, but paired with understanding it will create a craving for reciprocation."



Agree

Don't get it

Disagree

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LEARN

←→ READ OUTLOUD

For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have **tasted** the heavenly gift, and have **shared** in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and **then have fallen away**, to restore them again to repentance. (Heb. 6:4-6)

Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, **beloved, we feel sure of better things**—things that belong to salvation. For God is not unjust so as to overlook **your work and the love that you have shown** for his name in **serving the saints**, as you still do. (Heb. 6:9-10)

Q + A

- What three things does the author share that people have “tasted” and “shared” after coming to believe in Jesus? (v. 4-6)
- What do you think the author means when he writes “then have fallen away” at the end of verse 6?
- What do you think of David Peterson’s quote: “Nothing is impossible for God, but he offers us no hope of reclaiming those who take a continuous and hard-hearted stand against Christ.”

Read John 10:28-29 and Philippians 1:6.

- How do these verses enhance or magnify Hebrews 6:9-10?
- What encourages you about God’s commitment to our persistent faith?

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FOLLOW

PRACTICE NO STRINGS ATTACHED GIVING

What you'll need:

- Write down every name on a piece of paper.
- Put those names in a hat, bowl, jar, etc. (You get the idea).
- Draw names, but keep it a secret who you draw.
- Give that person some gift this week with no strings attached (no note, no text message follow-up, no asking if “they got it”).

RECITE

Read this verse below:

- But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Mt 6:3–4)

REFLECT

- Who do you think Jesus talks about when he says “needy?”
- Do you regularly give or serve anonymously to those in need?
- Do you think only underprivileged people are in need of no-strings-attached giving?

ACTION

- Extra credit: don't just do this one week, but commit to giving anonymously for one month. Randomly select a few numbers on your phone, a nearby neighborhood, or a place of business, and provide anonymously to needs you can identify.

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