Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer

2. Welcome any newcomers

3. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

**Facilitator**: Encourage your members to **BRING THEIR BIBLES** and use them during Connect Group.

**CONNECT Group study questions for December 3, 2017**

**Title: Attitude of Ingratitude**—Luke 17:11-19

**Read**: Luke 17:11-19

*While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; 13 and they raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14 When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they were going, they were cleansed. 15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, 16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? 18 Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” 19 And He said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.”*

**Review**: Read the notes from Pastor Peppy’s lesson, *Attitude of Ingratitude,* and share what God revealed to you from his message.

**Question**: Let’s examine what we can learn about faith as we see it in this story.

In what way/s did the faith displayed by the ten lepers go beyond simply saying, Yes, I believe?

How did the faith of the Samaritan who returned to worship Jesus differ from that of the other nine? **Facilitator**: Encourage discussion about faith and how the faith we see here involved following Jesus’ instructions and, in the case of the Samaritan, saving faith that worships and gives glory to God.

**Question**: Why did Jesus tell the ten to go and show themselves to the priests while they were obviously still infected with leprosy? **Read**: Leviticus 13:2 and Leviticus 14:2

Can you think of other stories of Jesus healing people that involved a demonstration of faith? **Facilitator**: Jesus’ healing of the centurion’s servant (Matthew 8:5-13) comes to mind. Another is the healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda (John 5).

**Question**: Use your imagination. What sort of reception do you suppose awaited the ten when they arrived to show themselves to the priests? Do you suppose the nine Jews were received differently than the one Samaritan? **Facilitator**: Remember, before they were healed of leprosy, they were all outcasts in Jewish society. After they were healed of leprosy, the Samaritan remained an outcast while the other nine were by Law reinstated. In fact, the Samaritan probably had no one but Jesus to show himself to.

**Question**: The Samaritan returned *glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at [Jesus’] feet, giving thanks to Him* (Luke 17:15-16).

What have you learned from the gratitude of the Samaritan that you can apply personally?

What have you learned about why God blesses us (Romans 2:4), and how we should respond if God, in his sovereignty, removes a blessing? **Read**: Romans 8:28.

Have you moved any closer to saying with Job, *Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord* (Job 1:21)? Describe and share with the group any shift in your attitude toward God’s blessings, whether given or taken away.

The Hebrew word for blessing is *barak*, and means to kneel in a position for service (picture Jesus washing the feet of the disciples). As you read Numbers 6:24-26 (below), see the Lord stooping to be all you need as you respond in worship.

**Read aloud together**: *The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.* (Numbers 6:24-26)