

# Weekly Cell Guide

Member's Copy

**Series** - -  
**Topic** - Thanksgiving That Leads To Worship

**Date** - 29-Dec-2019  
**Speaker** - Lam Zhengxin

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## WELCOME [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for *icebreakers* suitable for your cell.

[Ice Breakers 1](#)

[Ice Breakers 2](#)

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## WORSHIP [15 min]

You may select songs like

1. Fairest Lord Jesus
2. Blessed Assurance
3. Living Hope

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## WORD [45 min]

### **Spiritual Objectives**

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Have a posture of thanksgiving towards God;
2. Let our gratitude be focused on God, leading us to worship Him; and
3. Commit to the spiritual discipline of knowing God intimately.

### **Sermon Summary**

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. Our thanksgiving must lead to Worship; and
2. God's ultimate desire is for us to know Him.

### **Sermon Recap (Full Summary)**

The sermon started off with a touching testimony from Emily and her son, Shaun, on God's goodness over the last ten years in guiding them through broken relationships, death and loss. They are overflowing with thankfulness. Looking back, God's glory is displayed when they trusted Him each step of the way. They have learnt His amazing faithfulness and grace.

Zhengxin then preached from Luke 17:11-19, which was about Jesus healing of ten leprosy men. Only one of them turned back to glorify God with a loud voice and gave thanks to Him. Why did he turn back? While Jesus was known primarily as a "miracle worker" and was called "master", that is, a person of authority, the other nine leprosy men did not fully appreciate or acknowledge Jesus by giving God the glory. The one man,

a Samaritan, had a revelation of who Jesus is. God's healing is more than the physical, it is about the eager anticipation of God and His kingdom. This Samaritan worshipped Jesus, and in the process, received more than physical healing and was restored spiritually.

Zhengxin shared two applications from this Biblical event:

- a. Our thanksgiving must lead to worship  
Thanksgiving is our response to what God has done for us. Worship is our response to who He is. Worship is not so much something we do. Rather, it is our response to who God is. Worship is not only a matter of choice; it should be based on revelation, that is knowing who God is. Our worship should be as a result of this overflow of thanksgiving to God!
- b. God's ultimate desire is for us to know Him  
Knowing God is relationship. Everything that God allows to happen and work in our lives is an opportunity for us to know God more. True healing is a spiritual one, that is, to know our need for God, and to see and know Him as our personal Saviour, Lord and Friend.

There is a difference between knowing about God and knowing God at an intimate level. Zhengxin exhorted us to grow in intimacy with God by moving beyond viewing our times with God, including our thanksgiving, in a transactional and self-centred manner and towards building a close relationship with Him for who God is.

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### Discussion Questions

1. **1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." As the year 2019 draws to a close, what in the past year can you be thankful for?** [15 min]
2. **In the year 2019, what have you grown to know God more? Share with the group one attribute or nature of God that you have clung onto in 2019.** [15 min]
3. **Read Isaiah 43:18-19. As we start the new year of 2020, beyond new year resolutions, we can commit to know God more. How can you get to know God more?** [15 min]

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### **WORKS** [10 min]

Let's pray:

We will always have a posture of thanksgiving towards God that is focusing on Him, leading to worship and intimacy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. **Overcomer: An Evangelistic Movie Event**

Organised by Men's Fellowship

Thu, 9 Jan 2020 | 7.30pm | Salt Media @ Capital Tower, Level 9

\* *Invite your pre-believing friends!*

Scan the QR code to register for complimentary tickets.

Kindly indicate if you need dinner in your registration.



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We exist to make disciples who behold Christ and reveal Him.