Group Discussion & Application

1. For what answers to prayer are you especially thankful today?
2. For what attributes of God are you especially grateful at the present time?
3. Share an example of God's protection/deliverance you have experienced.
4. What value does thanksgiving serve in the life of the believer?
5. Why is corporate thanksgiving important in the Christian's life?
6. How can we help assure than our thanksgiving is not mere lip service, but is from the heart?
7. What can we do to be more mindful of God's care for us?
8. How can we develop a more grateful heart?
9. Finish the sentence: *In Christ we have been given...*

Personal Reflection & Response

1. Keep an ongoing list of things for which you are thankful.
2. Write your own Psalm of Thanksgiving.
3. Make sure thanksgiving is a significant part of your prayer time this week.

Family Homework

1. Read some Psalms that express thankfulness. What are some of the things for which the Psalmist gave thanks?
2. Throughout the week, have each family member develop a Thanksgiving list of things for which he/she is thankful.
3. At your family Thanksgiving meal, have each person share his/her list.

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Psalm-style Thanksgiving

Psalm 138

Psalm-style thanksgiving is...

1 Part of _____.

2 Directed to _____.

3 From the _____.

4 Whole-_____.

5 _____ before _____.

6 _____ before _____.

7 Joined by _____.

8 Rich in _____.