

Instructions:

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pick 3-5 questions to discuss that pertain to your group's unique style and needs.



Series: Grateful for...

It has been a wild year, yet God has provided and made an impact through us in powerful ways. So let's celebrate! For all that we have been through, and for all the ways we have seen God's glory and power at work, we give thanks. Join us in a teaching series on gratitude and generosity, as we look back on how God has provided, give thanks for how God has worked through us, and look to the future with hope!

We are grateful for YOU!

We are grateful for REVOLUTION!

We are grateful to GOD!

Message description:

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul says "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." The word partnership in the Greek is *koinonia*, which means community, communion, joint participation, and sharing. Paul writes to say thank you for the support, friendship, and community he is experiencing as he is in prison in Rome. For Paul, that partnership is vital, not only for his survival, but for the gospel message to be proclaimed. Because of that, they are all partakers together in grace together.

We are not all called to preach. We are not all called to teach. We are not all called to travel across the world as missionaries. But we are all called to be ministers of the gospel, to be the revolution, and share God's love wherever we are. This is the power of *koinonia*, that as we partner together to offer our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, we share in the work of God and the gospel of grace together.

Key Scripture

Philippians 1:1-11

Questions Related to This Week's Message:

1. What are you grateful for this week?
2. What did Paul mean by "partnership in the gospel" in Philippians 1:5?
3. How do you see that we, as Revolution Church, have "shared in the gospel" this year?
4. Do you feel like, even if you haven't volunteered for a particular mission in person this year, that still you have shared in the gospel work through the koinonia of our church? Why or why not?
5. Where do you sense God calling you to be generous with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in the new year?

Commitment and accountability

As part of this series, we are asking for commitments to support the ministries and mission of our church in the new year. If you didn't get your stewardship packet in the mail, consider picking up a commitment card [below] at church.

- How are you planning to serve and give of yourself this year?
- How can we help you stay accountable to your commitment?
- Do you see opportunities for your house group to serve to support one of these areas in 2024?

I want to join the Revolution!

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

My Commitment for 2024:

I commit to joining Jesus in the revolution of transforming lives through teaching and serving through Revolution Church by offering my:

PRAYERS for church, staff, and mission: _____

PRESENCE through worship, small group, and events: _____

SERVICE with A/V team, Greeting/Hospitality, RevKids, Grace Kids, or other: _____

GIFTS, one time in the amount of: _____

GIFTS, recurring in the amount of: _____ (Circle one) Weekly or Monthly

WITNESS of love for my neighbors: _____

Please return this completed card by November 26!

Close in prayer:

Pray together. Create intentional time and space to offer prayers for one another, that we might share in the comfort of Christ together and experience the Spirit's presence.

Consider the simple acronym of ACTS to guide your time of prayer together:

- A- Adoration.** Share praise reports or reasons to praise God. (Reading a psalm together can help)
- C- Confession.** Leave space to pray silently or individually to confess sins.
- T- Thanksgiving.** Share something in the group that you are thankful for this week.
- S- Supplication, or petition.** Share concerns and prayer requests you have.