



# VALLEY REAL LIFE

[Give Thanks As God's Will](#)

## **Last Week**

How did you apply the sermon series of being Unfinished on other areas of your life? Who did you share the lesson with?

## **Opener**

Is it easier to quickly recall stories or events of times where you were disgruntled or were grateful? Whatever your answer, what do you think the reason for this is?

## **Questions**

How does practicing gratefulness help us? Can you share any examples or past reflections?

What are some things we can learn about gratefulness from the story in John 11 about Lazarus?

“We should be more worried about cultivating a heart of thankfulness over an attitude of expectation.” What does this mean to you? How does one go about putting this into practice?

In your own words, why do you think being “thankful in all circumstances” is God’s will for us?

## **Scripture Discovery:**

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

1 Thessalonians 5:14-18 (NLT)

*Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people. Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

What does this passage tell us about God?

- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray