REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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November 9-15, 2026

Sermon Title: *Did You Write Your Thank-You Notes?* by Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

Use the space below to reflect on the questions in this week's devotionals,
make class and sermon notes, and write down prayers and concerns.

Questions for Family Focus or Small Groups:

1. Note in our reading from Luke how the ten lepers didn't pray for healing. They instead appealed for "pity." What does that tell you about what needed healing most?
2. Jews looked down on Samaritans. And yet, the Samaritan showed up the Jews when it came to faith, thanksgiving, and praise of the Messiah. Can you think of a person of faith, with whom you disagreed, who proved to be more righteous than you?
3. In a little less than two weeks, you will be gathered around your Thanksgiving table. You will likely offer a prayer together with family and friends. After reflecting on this passage, why is a spirit of thanksgiving so much more than one prayer?
4. When the Samaritan returned to Jesus to give thanks, what did he receive that the other nine missed?

Monday, November 9: Read Luke 17:11-19

Many of us grew up with parents who reminded us of the need to write thank-you notes after a birthday or Christmas. Perhaps it is a fading tradition in families today, but we need to not overlook the critical role of thanksgiving in our faith. This week we will read the United Methodist Thanksgiving Day Lectionary readings, focusing especially on the warnings about the danger of taking what we have for granted. When have we been like the nine people with leprosy in today's gospel story who failed to stop and remember the goodness of the giver?

- ***Relationship Opportunity:*** *Share why you believe it is important to say thank you to God. Or is it?*

Tuesday, November 10: Read Deuteronomy 8:7-11
The Hebrew word "Deuteronomy" means "second law" and was written as a reminder of everything the second generation of Israelites needed to do upon entering the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. Perhaps the most important lesson was "Do Not Forget the Lord." Today's scripture passage is not the only time the Hebrew people will be reminded to thank God. Sadly, this reminder will not always take hold. There is such beauty and promise in today's scripture – promises of abundance and peace. The first action the Hebrews are told to take should sound familiar to us all: say "thank you."

- ***Discipleship Opportunity:*** *Take extra time today to recognize the abundance provided to you. Say thank you.*

Wednesday, November 11: Read Deuteronomy 8:12-18
It's so easy to forget to be thankful when things have been going well for a while. We start taking things for granted; we start viewing them as entitlements rather than privileges. This is exactly what today's passage in Deuteronomy warns against. It is sadly exactly what happened when the Israelites eventually settled into the Promised Land. The trend continues today. What are we currently taking for granted? Are they things for which we once prayed?

- ***Discipleship and Relationship Opportunity****: Before Thanksgiving, discuss with your family or friends what you are thankful for that you may be currently taking for granted. Discuss ways you can be more mindful of these blessings going forward.*

Thursday, November 12: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Gratitude calls for more than a simple "thank you." As Christians, we are called to a grateful response that involves action and generosity of our own. We are called to a kingdom in which we all generously sow seeds that yield gifts for all. We do this because God first did it for us. Our service involves "overflowing…expressions of thanks to God" (verse 12). Thanks for God's grace, which is an "indescribable gift" (verse 15)!

- ***Study Opportunity****: Research the concept of Christian grace and how it compares to teachings in other religions. What seems special about this concept? Why should it yield a grateful response?*

Friday, November 13: Read Psalm 65
Today's psalm of praise and thanksgiving calls out both the bounty of God's creation and the amazing grace of God's forgiveness of our sins. Do we approach both with equal awe and joy? Most of us remember on Thanksgiving to thank God for our tangible earthly blessings. Do we think of all the times in the past year God has given us grace and forgiveness? Maybe this isn't comfortable to bring up around the extended family dinner table, but let's do it today in private. Let's offer our own prayer of Thanksgiving for the times God forgave us, saved us from ourselves, and kept us from being overwhelmed by our sins. This is something to celebrate!

- ***Discipleship Opportunity****: Give your own private prayer of thanksgiving for God's grace.*

Saturday, November 14: Scripture Memorization: Deuteronomy 8:10

"When you have eaten and are satisfied,
praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."

Sunday, November 15: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by praying our Prayer of Common Confession: *Most holy and wondrous God, so many times we have failed to return to you and give you thanks. You have waited patiently, and we have gone our own way. Forgive our lack of thanksgiving and our tendency to take you for granted. Put thankfulness in our heart, draw us to you so that we might rise up with humility and praise for all we have and all you have done. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.*