



Week of December 5

Tip Sheet

CCS Small Group

Suggestions for Social Engagement:

*Start with an icebreaker (visit questionsinabox.com or get the app)

- What is the thing that you have the hardest time not coveting (new shoes, car, phone, relationship)?

Suggestions for Spiritual Emphasis:

*REVIEW: for next next few weeks, we continue to dig into CHARACTER traits.

>>QUESTION: According to the Bible, not all sins are equal. Let's make a list of the 6-8 worst sins. (mosts lists will not include some of the worst: coveting, complaining, & ingratitude)

****Today's Character Trait: GRATITUDE**

> Defined as: **Displaying an attitude of appreciation & an acknowledgment of blessings from God and others** *Please re-read slowly & summarize!*

> Ask your group for synonyms for respect before you give them these:

Thankfulness: Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life

Contentment: Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness

>> Ask your group: What are some OPPOSITES (antonyms)?

UNTHANKFULNESS // Complaining // Ingratitude // Entitlement

*Some of my favorite RESPECT Quotes:

"We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count."

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."

****Why is GRATITUDE so important? Do you have a problem keeping the 10th Commandment?**

Have a student read Exodus 20:17, 1 Thess. 5:18, and James 1:17 - what do they say about gratitude

****Take-home & wrap-up: Are you a complainer? ...or are you content? How often do you feel thankful but not express your gratitude verbally? Why not more often? Explain.**

*Possible music / worship videos: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* by Selah // *Indescribable* by Chris Tomlin
Cannot Say Enough by Mercy Me