



Discussion Guide for “Thanks In Advance”

What to Expect when We’re Expecting Week 3

On a journey of discovery, we can easily become discouraged. Practicing gratitude helps us to continue seeking. When we are exploring our God-given calling, our gratitude is shaped by where we're GOING - our thanks are future oriented, grounded in God's faithfulness.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)

[Luke 3:7-18](#)

[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

[Isaiah 12:2-6](#)

[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. What journey are you on currently? Where are you going?
2. What struggles might you face along the way? What deserts are you facing?
3. How might those struggles form you for the future?
4. How does it hit you that Zephaniah calls us to be thankful, even when times are tough?
5. What are some ways that you can practice gratitude for the future in the present?