

## Unwritten

### Small Group Questions: Part 2: Eliminating Hesitation

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#### Read

Luke 17:11–18; 2 Corinthians 9:6–8; Proverbs 3:9–10, 11:24, 19:17; 22:9; 28:22 and 27; and Malachi 3:10–11

#### Reflect

In Luke 17, Jesus is going to Jerusalem for the last time and surely has a lot on his mind. Yet, he responds to ten lepers calling out to him for help. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they go, they are healed. Only one former leper returns to thank Jesus. What makes us hesitate to help others? How do we resemble those not showing gratitude? What patterns in your life need to change?

Pastor Greg offers us three ways to write hesitation out of our story:

1. Never resist a generous impulse.
  - a. When have you felt the impulse to do something good, but you hesitated and lost the moment?
    - i. What caused your hesitation?
  - b. Pay attention to what's going on around you.
    - i. During your day, how often do you really look at the people around you? How likely is it that any spare seconds are spent looking at a phone instead?
  - c. Put in your mind God's promises to generous people.
    - i. What are God's promises regarding generosity?
  - d. Plan in advance how you are going to respond when the need comes.
    - i. What fears and issues cause you to hesitate to be generous? Write them down. In what specific ways will you decide ahead of time to overcome each of these obstacles?
    - ii. In what ways are you planning to bless people this year, this month, this week?
2. Never hesitate when taking your next step with God.
  - a. What step of faith did Jesus require of the lepers before healing them?
  - b. When has God required a step of faith and obedience from you before healing took place?
  - c. What step of faith are you afraid to take next, and why?
3. Never miss an opportunity to show gratitude.
  - a. When have you not offered words of gratitude and regretted it?
  - b. How does entitlement undermine gratitude?
  - c. What complaining does:
    - i. It rewires your brain.
    - ii. You literally become like those you hang with.
    - iii. Negativity increases stress, which will kill you.
  - d. What do you complain about most? Regarding that issue, what aspects could you focus on being grateful for instead?
  - e. In what ways is it possible to be healed and still not be well?
  - f. Does someone's ingratitude impact how you will act in the future? How does Jesus respond?

**Respond:** Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?