## **GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION**

# CONNECT

Amid this strange time of COVID-19, what have you been thankful for? Take turns sharing those things out loud with each other. Hearing one another's gratitude draws us into gratitude as well!

# LEARN & APPLY

Read Colossians 3:15-17, Philippians 4:4-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, and Hebrews 12:28.

- What do these passages tell you about the role that thankfulness played in the faith life of the early church?
- How does our giving thanks impact us?
- How does our giving thanks impact others?

#### Read Luke 7:36-39.

- This woman obviously knows Jesus and trusts that he is worthy of her honor and praise. To risk entering into a place where she knows she will be judged by all yet honor him in such an extravagant way shows great courage. What does this tell you about what mattered most to this woman at the time?
- What has Jesus done for you? Have you experienced this kind of gratitude to God? Has someone else's gratitude to Jesus ever caused you to turn toward him in a new way?

## PRAY

Spend some time telling the Lord what you are grateful for in what he's given you, and in who he is in your life. Let that gratitude feed your joy and your faith in what he has yet to do, in you!