

## *Returning Thanks: Worship as Response*

### Group Study Questions

- In your personal upbringing, were thanks and gratitude fostered as values?
  - If so, how were they practically expressed in family life?
  - If not, why not? (eg. regarded as 'fake politeness')
- Reflecting on your personal/family life, are there practices and behaviours that are done because "we've always done it that way" but have lost significant meaning?
- From your reading of Matthew 15: 1-11, what is the connection (or disconnection) between 'mouth' and 'heart'? What is Jesus telling us about worship?
- How would a greater appreciation of God's goodness change your personal priorities and activities?
- What does worship--affirming God's worth--look like when things AREN'T going well for us?
- What might God be saying to us as a congregation at Oaklands about creatively responding to him for his goodness? (Please feel free to give Daniel your ideas☺)