

IN THE WORLD



John 17:9-19

LESSON 5
July 4, 2021

Connect timeless truths with today's news.

GRATITUDE FOR CITIZENSHIP

This Fourth of July, 51 new American citizens are celebrating independence with a happy memory. A surprise speaker attended their naturalization ceremony in New York City last month: Douglas Emhoff (husband of Vice President Kamala Harris). The second gentleman gave the keynote address, mentioning his ancestors, who came to Ellis Island from Austria, and his wife's parents, who are immigrants from Jamaica and India. One new citizen in the crowd felt especially grateful for her official status. Jia-Lin Liu from Taiwan waited 20 years for the ceremony. "I was laughing and crying but I'm really thankful," Liu said. "Being an American gives you a lot of rights and power and resources."

GRATITUDE FOR HEALING

Jesus met ten lepers on the border of Galilee and Samaria. He graciously granted healing to all ten, but only one—a Samaritan—came back to give Jesus thanks and praise. Though the Lord had miraculously restored their lives and status in society, only this one outsider showed gratitude.

1. How did you or your family come to live in this nation?
2. What are you most grateful for about this country?
3. What are three things you're deeply grateful to the Lord for?

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