

**Grateful | Week 3**  
**Squirrel**  
**Mark 2:1-5**  
**November 16 & 17, 2019**

**Big Idea**

A big part of gratitude is remembering what *really* matters, which the distractions of life can sabotage.

**Scripture**

Mark 2:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:12-21

**Discussion Questions**

1 – Just for some fun...the sermon opened with an iconic movie clip (“squirrel!”) from the movie “Up”. What is your favorite movie AND what is an iconic movie scene/clip you remember and why?

2 – The clip from the movie “Up” symbolized for us the idea of distractions and how quickly they can lead us astray. Discuss how distraction can take up our time and energy and an example of when that happened to you. Is this “wasteful” of your time & energy?

3 – Of the 5 items (House, Car, Job, Food, Sports) presented in the sermon that can sabotage our ability to be grateful by distracting us, which have you fallen prey to in both the past and today?

4 – In thinking of the 4-types of church goers presented in the sermon (Consumer, Spectator, Floater, Owner) have you observed or experienced each of the 4? In which category would you currently place yourself?

5 – Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-21 and discuss how it is *OUR* investment (each of us), including our financial investment that allows for miracles to happen in people’s lives through the church.

**Next Steps**

- Commit to pray about and battle through, with the power of the Holy Spirit and personal discipline, the distractions in your life that cloud the eternal.
- Answer the question of what you need to do in order to move to Ownership status within the church and take steps toward it (hint: “what can I give?” vs. “what can I get?”).

**Prayer Focus**

- Dear God, please help me to have the proper approach & attitude about my role within the church. And help me to remember that my faith is critical to the hurting world around me.