

Key Points

Gratitude, Rooted in Love

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1. People typically have the option to attend church or brunch on Sundays.
2. There are similarities between the brunch scene and church setting, such as food, fellowship, music, and shared values.
3. There is a difference between Sunday morning brunch and church: the main difference being Jesus Christ and worship as gathering around the WORD. But also, a difference is the way we practice gratitude in worship.
4. Expressing gratitude to God in the past was a response to specific gifts bestowed upon them and was known as the norm of reciprocity.
5. But this norm of reciprocity sets up God to be temperamental, which has turned many people off from the idea of God altogether.
6. Instead, scripture shows us that God's is not a targeted giver. But God's grace abounds.
7. The Greek word *Eucharist* means "Thanksgiving." The table of the Eucharist symbolizes God's love which is not earned or constructed, but rather lavished upon us.