



A Game-Changer is that moment when your team finally gains the momentum that they will ride to a win. Imagine you're on the Virginia Tech Turkey Football Team (oh, I mean "Hokie")... you're playing NC, it's the end of the 3rd quarter and VT is down by 14. You need a Game-Changer to turn the game around. You need a Game-Changer to reenergize your team with a new, "we can win," attitude. Finally on the last second of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter you intercept a Carolina pass and run 45 yards to a touch down. Never mind that your uniform is ugly because of your school's awful color choice, you've just experienced a game changer that has shifted a surge of momentum towards your own VT team and a few moments later VT rides the momentum to victory with another touchdown and a two-point conversion.

1. Have you ever seen or been a part of a great game-changer? Describe.
2. What kind of emotions do you experience during (and after) a game changer?
3. Read today's text (Luke 17:11-19).
4. Describe the Lepers' state before their game-changer (healing from Jesus).
  - a. How was their pre-game-changer experience similar to a pre-game-changer experience in your own life?
  - b. Was it wrong for them to desire healing?
  - c. Is it wrong for us to desire (pray for or pursue) a game-changer?
5. We're driven by motivation aren't we?
  - a. Our decisions are rooted in motivation. If you're hungry, then you're motivated to eat. If you're sleepy, then you sleep.
  - b. Who here knows someone that could be described as "ugly" at the morning wake-up time? (no names please)
  - c. If you're ugly after waking up and you don't want to look ugly, then you take a bath, brush your hair/teeth, and put on your face (either by shaving or makeup, but not with both)... RIGHT?
6. What might be the 9 lepers motivations for returning quickly to the priest versus taking the time to thank Jesus?
7. What was their probable reward(s) when they made it to the priest? ...in other words, what would their lives be like after being declared "clean" (contrasted to their lives as lepers).
8. What was the motivation of the one who returned to Jesus?
9. What was the reward of the one who returned to Jesus? (compare/contrast to the probable rewards of the other 9)
10. The one leper who returned to Jesus was a Samaritan; Jesus described him as a "foreigner." He is the one who turned out to place his faith in Jesus and his ultimate reward would be eternal life in Heaven. He was the one who should have been least likely to turn out to be "spiritual," but in reality he was the only one who was truly spiritual as he learned the meaning of life by placing his faith in Christ. His heart was a heart of gratitude... so how did he express his gratitude?
11. God doesn't need anything... but He does desire that we express gratitude to Him (for His honor and because He knows it is healthy for us do live in gratitude). What kind of game-changers has God brought your way (why are you thankful to God)?
12. How have these Game-Changers brought momentum your way?
13. How can we better express thanks to God?
14. How will you express thanks to God this week?