

NOTES & QUOTES

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with the melody of the organ and harp, and whatever is of the Lord, do everything in the heart, to the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through him. Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

"BLESSING"

A GOOD WORD

Week 1 Talking Points | Number 6:22-26

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. What farewell blessing is most common to your family? What do you say when you are leaving a get-together or ending a conversation on the phone? Is there a salutation you wish you used more often?
2. Have you ever had an occasion when someone blessed you or spoke life giving words into your life? Describe and share what happened and the impact it had.
3. Blessing is about speaking words of worth, purpose and identity. God loves to bless, so he creates us in his image to be both blessees – who are able to receive blessing but also blessers - who are able to give blessing. Why do you think the practice of blessing is such a big deal to God?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Leviticus 26:3-13. List out the blessings, both big and small, temporal and eternal, that God pours out on those who trust him and live in his ways. What modern metaphors would you use to describe these same blessing in your life today?
5. Read Numbers 6:22-26. Why do you think God would use a well-crafted poem as his example of blessing? What does the detail and creativity reveal about God and how he views his relationship with us? How does this inform the way we can bless others?

6. How might the truth that God notices you and his eye is upon you change how you live your daily life? What might change in your attitude and actions if you were more aware that you are the object of God's affectionate gaze?
7. Read Numbers 6:27. What are the implications that come from being those who bear God's name? What responsibilities arise from being those who represent him in the world?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. Why do think it is important and commanded for us to bless God and declare who he is and what he has done? Does God need reassurance, is he phishing for a compliment or does this somehow benefit us?
9. What are some practical ways we can develop a greater awareness of our own blessedness in Christ? How can we remind ourselves regularly of his blessing in our lives?
10. Prayerfully make a list of at least three people you could write a blessing for this month. Download the resource writing a blessing (attach link here) and use it as a guide.

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

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