
Small Group Discussion Guide — October 26, 2025

- Series: Blessed
 - Sermon: Face to Face
 - Scripture: Numbers 6:24-26
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FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK

How did you cultivate your heart this week to produce spiritual fruit which attracted others to see Jesus? What was the result of that inner work?

CONNECT

1. What stood out for you from this week's service, and why?
2. What are some examples of ceremonies where blessings are common? Is there a personal one you've experienced that stands out to you?

ENGAGE

Read Numbers 6:24-26

1. Where does blessing originate from in these verses?
2. Verse 24 speaks to being kept by God. What does this statement look like practically speaking?
3. In verses 25 and 26, the Lord purposefully turns towards us and makes His face shine on us. This is an important point not to be missed. What are the results of His direct gaze? What is significant about this act? Can you think of any other time in the Bible this has occurred? Feel free to do a quick search online to see other examples.

APPLY

1. Based on Numbers, we know blessing originates from God, however, we often credit blessings to other things. Said differently, true blessing is not from possessions rather it's from His presence. What are some of those origin substitutes in your own life? How can we recenter ourselves to acknowledge from where true blessings flow?
2. A blessing is only attributable to God. He gave His only son to be bloodied for our beauty. What does this act tell you about the importance of blessing? How might you walk in the knowledge of God's gaze upon you constantly? What is the result of you knowing God sacrificed his regard for His son in order to see you fully?
3. Knowing God sees and blesses *all* his children, how does it change your perspective of others? Think of specific relationships in your life right now. When might this truth of blessing be joyful? When might this truth be challenging?

GOING DEEPER

Read the following quote by Winn-Collier:

“Our entire lives (even when all evidence runs to the contrary) stands shot through with blessing. It’s everywhere, and it’s our job to speak it, to point it out, to put an arm around friends who can’t see it right now and believe it on their behalf...whatever else may be true and despite every competing voice - you belong to God.”

Take a moment and imagine Jesus’ face looking at you....be that for other people. How can you become part of the blessing to another person this week?

PRAYER

Father God, who gazes upon us directly with all your glory, may we acknowledge from whom all blessings flow and recognize that true blessing is not about prosperity, but it is about being face to face with you while all other things fall away. May we recognize your presence is essential to knowing how much you love us and results in peace that passes understanding because of your grace and compassion for us apart from anything we could do or say. Give us the ability to turn towards you to receive this blessing, so we may know more fully who you are and who we are in you. We love you, Lord, and are grateful for your sacrifice, so we may be blessed. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60: 19-20 (NIV)

John 14:27 (NIV)

QUOTES

“When evil darkens our world give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, may we rise again. When doubt assail us, give us faith.” John Raynor

“We do not paint a smiley face on the funeral casket. No, to insist on blessing means we refuse to believe that anything or anyone is ruined.” Winn Collier

“For those united to him, the heart of Jesus is not a rental; it is your new permanent address. His heart is not a ticking time bomb; his heart is the green pastures and still waters of endless reassurances of his presence and comfort.” Dane Ortland

“Congratulations is not a bad sentiment; it’s just a thin one...When we bless one another with the words, “May the Lord make his face shine on you...” it has immediate application: May God’s face illuminate you today, may you walk in the light of his presence right now; may you experience his bright shine in this culture tinged with gray.” Tine Bosch