

The Gospel of the Blessing
Text: Numbers 6:22-27
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Big Idea: God freely gives us what we need most as a gift, and it will satisfy us for eternity.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3

- a) Why was this blessing particularly meaningful for Israel in the wilderness?
- b) How does the blessing reveal God's heart towards His people?
- c) How might knowing that God delights in blessing you change your approach to daily challenges and difficulties?

How the blessing shows us the gospel...

Point 1: It's a GIFT (vv. 22-24)

Question #4

- a) The sermon states that "God freely gives us what we need most as a gift." How does this reflect the nature of the gospel?
- b) How is this different from how we often approach our relationship with God?
- c) In what area(s) of your life do you find yourself trying to earn God's blessing or approval?
- d) How must this passage reshape your thinking in those areas?
- e) Spend time in prayer with your group over those areas.

How the blessing shows us the gospel...

Point 2: It GIVES us what we Need MOST (vv. 24-26)

Question #5

- a) What does it mean that God's face shines upon us?
- b) How does God give us His 'smile' through the person and work of Jesus?
- c) Why is experiencing God's 'smile' described as our deepest need?
- d) What would you say is your greatest need right now based on your priorities, and what your time, resources and energy are going towards?
- e) How does the blessing point us to how the gospel fulfills that need?

Question #6

- a) What practical difference should it make in your relationships if you truly believed that God's face is shining upon you and the people around you?
- b) How should this fuel us on mission in going and sending to make disciples?

How the blessing shows us the gospel...

Point 3: It's a PREVIEW of what's to COME (vv. 24-27)

Question #7

- a) The sermon discusses the "already but no yet" concept. What aspects of this blessing do you experience now, and what aspects do you still await in their fullness?
- b) The sermon states, "One day we will see God's glory fully, and it will deeply satisfy our souls." How **MUST** this future hope affect how you live on mission today?
- c) **Let's get practical:** How **IS** this hope affecting how you live on mission today? Where is your eternal perspective in need of a refocus?
- d) Discuss how Jesus lived perfectly with this eternal perspective during His earthly ministry.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Numbers 6:22-27...**

- a) ADORATION: Lord, I worship You because You are_____ .
- b) CONFESSION: Lord, I repent of my unbelief in_____ .
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank you for_____ .
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I ask that You would_____ .

Memory Verse:

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."-Numbers 6:24-26