



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families: For the week of October 15, 2017

Note to Discussion Leaders: Have members read the Bible passage in the group meeting. This is a “worship discussion” guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. Read through this guide before meeting with the group. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for the time of meeting together, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Numbers 6:22-27 “Blessing”

²² The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷ “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

- What is one blessing you have enjoyed this week? What makes it a blessing?
- Read Numbers 6:22-27. Reflect on this blessing first given to the people of Israel in the wilderness:
 - Who is the source of blessing?
 - When have you tempted to believe that God is in the business of stealing blessings instead of bestowing them?
 - What things can masquerade as the source of blessing for you?
 - Why are you tempted to try to find other sources of blessing in your life?
 - What are some of the rich qualities of the LORD’s true blessing in these verses? Which aspect of this blessing is the most precious to you today? Why
- Blessings come to God’s people through a mediator. Who are the mediators in this passage?
- Ultimately the LORD’s greatest blessing will come to us through the ministry of Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest. How exactly has Jesus blessed us with favor, peace, and confidence?
- Read the passage again. Pray together, thank the LORD for His many blessings, ask Him to bless His people, and remember the blessing of peace through Jesus Christ.

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Sermon Notes

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Numbers 6:22-27](#).

- What does it mean to be blessed? To have enough? To be safe? To have more than enough? To be secure?
- Since Eden, this has been the question everyone asks: Will I be blessed? Will God bless me? How can He bless me?
- Read [Genesis 3:14-19](#). Even in the curse, God blesses His people.
- Whatever blessing means, a few things jump out here. First, the LORD'S blessing precedes anything the people do. He is moving toward them in ever greater intensity and blessing. This is not a prayer. It is a statement to be repeated often. Why? Because they will forget.
- The words themselves build upon one another. (verses 3, 5, 7). Notice how many times the words, "The LORD" are repeated.
- We must see in this text not so much a promise of God, but a statement about His character. This is who He is.
- What is the Source of all goodness in life? These people will forget that over and over.
- Read [Mark 8:1-21](#). It is the belief that God will not bless or that somehow I must steal a blessing.
- Jesus and what He has done, is the culmination of all of this.