
Genesis 12:1-3 | Matthew 6:1-12

Misconceptions about Blessing:

- Living a blessed life is transactional.
- Living a blessed life is living the “best” life.
- Blessings are things of the past.
- I am blessed for my own benefit.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

You are the blessing.

Go and be the blessing in the way that God created you to be.

We invite you to use these notes to continue the conversation throughout the week. Whether online or in person, we need to connect together!

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover as we worshiped the Lord together this past Sunday?

How do you understand blessing? Do you relate with some of the misconceptions Ethan brought up on Sunday? Are there any more you can think of?

Why is it important for us to keep a mindset that we are blessed so that we can bless others? Which would be better to become: a blessing reservoir or a blessing conduit? Why?

Connect to God's story

Read Ephesians 1:3 & Matthew 5:3-12.

What is the reason Paul gives for our being blessed? How important is it for us to continue growing in unity with Christ?

Why is it important for us to know that we are blessed “with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms”? How this help us when we find ourselves in all the situations mentioned by Jesus in Matthew? Does it bring you comfort to know that there is a blessing to experience that you may not see here? As you endure suffering?

How has God blessed you spiritually?

How has God blessed your family spiritually?

How has God blessed Real Life Church spiritually?

Read Romans 12:9-18.

What is easy to follow about this passage? What is very difficult for you about what Paul instructs us to do?

Have you ever prayed for God to bless someone who is persecuting you? Why do you think we so naturally lean into paying people back for what they do?

Are there people you need to begin to bless rather than curse in your life? What is one step you can make this week toward living at peace with everyone?

This is the last week of Life Groups until September. How has your Life Group been a blessing to you? In what ways have you been challenged to be the blessing to your group?

What are some ways you group can serve, fellowship, and still connect over the Summer break?

Real Life Prayer for 2022

Lord Jesus,

I affirm that I am fully known by You; my thoughts, fears, hopes, and dreams. You know my past, present, and future. I am fully known and loved by You.

I desire to know You more - Your heart, Your will, Your purposes.

I commit to making You known in my areas of influence through my words, actions, attitude, and joy. I commit to love as You love.

I ask you, Lord Jesus, to use me daily for Your purposes.

I pray this with a heart of gratitude,

Amen.

Notes:
