

God Blesses His People So We Can Bless the World

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It's right to ask God to _____ us. (v. 1)

God's blessings in our lives are meant to _____ to others. (vv. 2-5)

We're to extend God's blessings that others might come to _____ God. (v. 2)

We're to extend God's blessings that others might come to _____ God. (vv. 3, 5)

We're to extend God's blessings that others might come to find _____ in God. (v. 4)

As we extend God's blessings according to His purpose, we can _____ His continued blessing on us. (vv. 6-7)

Psalm 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him! (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: What do you tend to enjoy sharing with others? Why does sharing that bring you joy?

Read & Discuss: Psalm 67

1. What would you say is a good definition for the word “bless”? What verses include the word “bless” in ways that help us understand the biblical intention of this concept? (*You might consider Genesis 1:22, 12:2, Matthew 5:2-12, Romans 12:14; Ephesians 1:3, though there are many other verses.*)
2. In verse 1 of Psalm 67 the psalmist asks for God’s blessing. Are you comfortable asking for God’s blessing? Why or why not? Why is the request for God to “bless us” paired with “May God be gracious to us”? What is the biblical meaning of the request that God would “make his face shine upon us”? (*Consider Numbers 6:24-26; Psalm 4:6-7; 31:14-16; 119:134-136*)
3. In verse 2, the psalmist expresses the desire that God’s blessing on His people would result in other peoples coming to know God’s ways and saving power. How might this have happened in the world at that time? How might this happen in our world today, and what role might we play in this process?
4. Verse 7 concludes with a connection between the blessing of God and the fear of God. How should God’s blessing produce fear in His people? How is fear a healthy part of our relationship with a loving and gracious God?
5. In your own life, what are some ways that God’s blessings overflow into the lives of others? What are some practical things we could do to better cultivate such motives in ourselves, our families, and our church community?

Apply: Where might there be opportunity this week for you to apply the biblical truth that you have been blessed by God to bless others? What obstacles may interfere with achieving this goal?

Pray: Pray that God would overcome the various obstacles your group members just shared. Pray for great fruitfulness from the actions of our church family as we seek to bless others. Ask God to reveal the many ways He’s blessed us and embolden us to seize the opportunities He gives us to be a blessing.