

Blessed and Blessing

Genesis 12:1-3

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

a. *Feel the Blessing*

II. First Big Idea: You are Blessed

a. Say thanks for those who have blessed you!

b. Genesis 12:1-3

III. Second Big Idea: You are Blessed to be a Blessing

a. Evangelism - we have a problem

b. More than good intentions

IV. Give them what they want!

a. Listen without Judgment

b. Allow them to draw their own conclusions

c. Have confidence in sharing your own perspective

V. Where we are headed:

• Blessing works

• **Begin with Prayer; Listen; Eat; Serve; Story**

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together:

1. If someone were to write your story, what do you think is your greatest comeback?
2. When have you felt Jesus being your anchor in the storm?

Reflecting on the Message Together:

1. Read Genesis 12:1-3. How many times is the word Bless used in this passage? What stands out to you from this passage?
2. What is a biblical story that stands out to you of a comeback story? How did the turnaround bring blessings to others?
3. What are some challenges for you in feeling God's blessing in your life?
4. What successes have you had in evangelizing your friends, family, and neighbors? What challenges have you experienced?
5. What is your initial reaction of approaching evangelizing through the model of BLESS? What feels good? Does anything feel deficient?
6. When you consider the three things non-Christian friends want in spiritual conversations (listening without judgment, drawing their own conclusions, people who really live their own beliefs) what seems most natural and what seems most difficult? Why?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?