



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. In Hebrew, the word for blessing is “barak” which means, “to bend a knee” (implying a life submitted to God). What does a life submitted to God look like to you? In your life, who is an example of this?
2. Greek word for blessing is “makarioi” which means “fully satisfied” (implying that in spite of our circumstances, we are satisfied). Give an example of someone you know or whom you have observed who seemed satisfied in spite of the circumstance they were facing. Tell us their story.
3. In the New Testament, the word “barak” is used 112 times, none of which is connected to material possessions. In Matthew 5 Jesus in His teaching of the beatitudes says to be blessed is to have Christian characteristics in your life; in Luke 11:28 Jesus says the one who submits to God’s word instead of the world is blessed, in James 1:12 it is the one who remains steadfast under trial that is blessed. If we are going to live as people truly blessed by God we must first embrace what His blessing are. What are some of those blessings?
4. What has God done **for** us through Christ on the cross?
5. What does God do **in** us by the work of His Spirit?
6. What does God do **through** us by our cooperation with His calling?
7. This is a solid definition of God’s blessings in our lives. It is the deepest, richest, most fulfilling place to live. It is better to live with God’s purpose, because as Proverbs 15:16, “Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.” Do you agree with this?
8. We can say, then, that there is a doctrine of bless ability in the scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13:13, “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” Faith is the foundation, Hope is the mindset, and Love is the action. Faith, Hope and Love...spend a few moments talking about how each of these has made your life richer.

The Doctrine of Blessability

Week of May 29, 2022

Main Idea

There is a doctrine of bless ability in the scriptures.
Faith is the foundation
Hope is the mindset
Love is the action

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:
Proverbs 15:16
John 10:10
John 13:35
2 Corinthians 5:14
1 Corinthians 8:1
John 3:16

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.