

Prayers That Shape Us



The Prayer Of Blessing | Numbers 6:22-26

1. Read Numbers 6:22-26. Which word or phrase in the blessing stands out to you most, and why?
2. We heard that, "*Blessing begins with belonging.*" How does belonging to God change the way we understand what it means to be blessed?
3. In what ways can our prayers become like a "*shopping list*"? What would it look like for prayer to become more relational and transformative?
4. What is the difference between being blessed by God and simply having comfortable or favourable circumstances?
5. The words "*The Lord bless you and keep you*" remind us that God holds us. Where in your life are you currently trying to "*hold everything together*" yourself?
6. Some people imagine God as disappointed, distant, or reluctant to show grace. What has shaped your picture of God's face toward you?
7. How does Jesus help us understand what it means for God's face to shine upon us and be gracious to us?
8. Biblical peace, or *shalom*, means wholeness, not merely the absence of conflict. Where do you most need God's restoring peace at present?
9. Receiving God's blessing enables us to become a blessing to others. Who might God be calling you to encourage, serve, forgive, or pray for this week?
10. Praying for blessing means surrendering our definition of blessing to God. How might God's blessing sometimes come through correction, waiting, pruning, or a closed door?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

