Benediction Numbers 6:22-27 6.9.2019

Blessed...

v. 24: The Lord bless you The Lord keep you

Psalm 3:3, But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the One who lifts my head.

Psalm 121:7-8, The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever.

v.25:

The Lord make His face shine on you And be gracious to you.

v.26:

The Lord lift up His countenance on you And give you peace.

John 14:27, Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

...to be a blessing

Psalm 67:1-2, God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us— Selah. That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.

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A benediction is an act of blessing that invokes the kindness of God's presence in someone's life. While God's blessing is a powerful gift in your life, it is also a tool God will use to bless those you encounter every day. How might you apply the benediction in Numbers 6:24-27?

Ephesians 1:3, James 1:17, John 1:16

How has God blessed you? Take time this week to count your blessings. Consider what it means to be blessed by God, and take time to list your blessings as God brings them to your remembrance. As you list each one, spend a moment in praise and thanksgiving for the work of God in your life.

1 Peter 3:8-9, John 14:13

Speaking a blessing over others isn't just a command it's an instruction with a promise. When you invoke God's name and speak it over someone, God will respond with His blessing on that person. How is God calling you to bless others?

Talk to someone about the blessing in Numbers 6:24-27, either in small groups or one-on-one, using the following guide.

- 1. Share moments in your life when you encountered God's blessing with His face shining upon you.
- 2. Share moments in your life when God's grace was extended to you.
- 3. Consider ways that you might speak a blessing over those you encounter this week friends, neighbors, as well as strangers.
- 4. Consider actions you might take that will bless those you encounter this week actions that might introduce conversations about God.
- 5. Pray with one another about the people you will encounter this week. Ask God to make you aware of opportunities to bless them in words as well as actions.