

1. The theme of being blessed to be a blessing found in Genesis 12 is repeated several times in Genesis. Read the following passages and note the part God wanted His people to play in seeing others blessed.

Genesis 22:15-18

Genesis 26:2-5

Genesis 28:13-15

2. In the New Testament, we learn that the ultimate blessing we can experience is a relationship with Jesus. If the ultimate blessing is to know Jesus, then the best way we can bless others is to help them know Him also. How do you see this reflected in the following verses?

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

2 Timothy 2:24-26

3. Chris talked this weekend about developing a spirit of generosity in our care for others. In Leviticus 23:22, God sets out a simple way for the people of Israel to put this spirit into practice. Now read Ruth 2 to see an example of this principle in action. Since most of us don't have any fields to harvest, what are some simple and inexpensive ways to apply this principle?

4. Spend some time reviewing your sermon notes and thinking about the stories you heard this past weekend. In light of the great privilege of participating in what God is doing in the world, what are some ways you could be more involved in helping people either locally or globally?

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JESUS' STORIES:

Luke 10:25-37

Luke 12:13-21

Luke 21:1-4

MY STORIES:

Africa:

Haiti:

OUR STORIES:

Community Service:

Overseas:

YOUR STORY?

North Coast Missionaries:

Barret, Steve & Yumi		Japan
Bellon, Emmanuel & Leticia	Campus Crusade for Christ	Kenya
Boer, Kevin & Cindy	National Network of Youth Ministry	CA
Bourcier, Joyce	EFCA Reach Global	England
Carpenters, (withhold names)	Pioneers	South East Asia
Christman, David & Lily	Campus Crusade for Christ	CA
Cloyes, Nicky	Operation Mobilization	
DeMeo, Janey	Orphans First	Worldwide
Evans, Jae & Debra	Outside the Bowl	
Gaccione, Vicky		Serbia
Hickey, Katie	Campus Crusade for Christ	France
Johnson, Ron & Rachel	Sammy Tippit Ministries	
Jones, Greg & Julie	Wycliffe Bible Translators	Solomon Islands
Menig, Kyle & Wendy	Campus Crusade for Christ	CA
Naylor, Sam	Peter's Work	Russia
Sales, Carlos	Faithquest	Malawi
Seapy, Chet & JoAnn	Church Resource Ministries	Worldwide
Sebastian, Shane & Laura	Campus Crusade for Christ	Pacific South West
Shlemon, Alan	Stand to Reason	CA
Sivulka, Greg & Jelena	Calvary Chapel EEM	Serbia
Skarnas, Tom & Valerie	Youth With A Mission	NY
Slottje, Dave & Maureen	East West Ministries	India
Wood, Jeff & Robin	Campus Crusade for Christ	
Wyatt, Jim & Juanita	The Jesus Film	S. Africa

Other Organizations or Missions:

Manna Mission
 E-3 partners
 Sorrow Underfoot, Russian Orphanages
 In Deed and Truth (Medical clinic in Sudan)
 Lifeway Orphanage Project (mattresses for Nigeria)
 Bring Me Hope (China)
 Walking on Water
 A-team trip to Brazil with EvangeCubes
 Missions to Kenya, Rwanda, Czech Republic, S. Africa
 Hands Across the Water
 Marilyn Laszlo
 Dynamic Church Planting
 Talking Bibles
 Café 1040-N. Africa
 Monte Christo Ministries
 Bridging the World Missions
 Kid's Clubs in Peru

Coast Kids Ministry: Supports Gospel for Asia, and Samaritan's Purse

Jr. High Ministry: "Starving to Serve" to raise money for Outside the Bowl

High School Ministry: Traveled to San Bernardino for an extreme house makeover, worked at a homeless shelter and a special needs school, and went to a park to provide a B-B-Q for foster kids; Locally, worked with people from all walks of life including children, those with special needs, adults battling AIDS, and the elderly.

College Ministry-The Jordan: Mission trip with Campus Crusade to Australia; House-building trips with Amor Ministries in Mexico; World Vision; Annual trips to LA Union and San Diego Rescue Missions