

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?

