

Living Under a Closed Haven

NOTES

- Open In Prayer:

Remember to Ask someone:

“If you Can Pray for them” sometime this Week.

Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Sundays @ 9:50am.

Ladies Break Free in Warburg March 17

Mens Night Out **Friday** March 23

Gals Special Event April 23- Guest from Kelowna

Last Weeks Key point: God desires us to call out to Him and He will answer in our time of need and to do His work, spreading the Gospel. When intimidated, afraid or oppressed, ask the Lord for boldness to speak His Word accompanied by healing, signs and wonders and the filling of the Holy Spirit will help one do so.

Follow up and review last weeks discussion What was it about? What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

Key Point: We are to live as a blessing to others, as God has blessed and blesses us. The question is: how can we be a blessing to others if we have barely enough power for our own spiritual lives?
Love always desires to bless the object of its affection. -Pastor Jim Cymbala

Are you blessed? Go around the group and have each one answer the question:

What is or has been your biggest blessing? _____

- ✓ The Hebrew word 'barak', and it's derivatives, are used more than 330 times in the Old Testament. It's means for 'bless' or "blessing".
- ✓ In fact, God taught and instructed His creation to bless as well. He instructed Moses to inform Aaron (the priest) as to what they were to do with the Israelites. **Read:** [Numbers 6:22-27](#)

Read: [Zechariah 8:12](#), [-Acts 3:25](#)

Discuss what do you think the term “blessed means in this context? How can a “peoples” bless nations? _____

Read: Romans 12:1, 9-21 IS this what it means to be a blessing?

Discuss: What does it mean to be blessed by God? _____

What is it to be a blessing to others? _____

Do we always see God Working his blessing on us?

Pastor Shannon Talked about how tough times can lead to blessings.

Look back into your own life and **share** around the group how tough times in the past lead you to be blessed or a blessing?

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- The Forgotten God
- Francis Chan

PRAYER ITEMS

Refer to these during the week.

- Government

re: Religious Rights issues

Meeting at Millwwoods Pentecostal with Liberal MP to sway for the mandatory vote happening in Parliament soon over this issue

- Prime Minister; - Premier

Taylor W. Australia ministry to a couple of ex-strippers

- Finances for 2nd year

Kara H

Teaching and ministering in HONK KONG

What hinders us to the point we live under a closed Heaven or without God's Blessings in our lives? _____

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1. Do we do as the Lord Jesus instructs? Do we live life His way? Do we obey Him?
 2. Are we lukewarm in our commitment to Him. Think the church of Laodicea in Rev. 3:16-19
- Just because "God is love" does not mean that all is well with everyone. I can live my Christian life under the displeasure of God:
 - Give no tithe; No time ; No service; No prayer; No study; No obedience, No forgiveness; No love; No grace; No mercy; No blessing.
 - What happened to David? What happened to Moses? What happened to King Hezekiah? The King of Judah and Israel? Judas? Samson? Israel?
 - There were times when they all lived under a closed heaven, no blessings of the LORD because they disobeyed Him, they ignored His voice, they refused to call upon the LORD, became arrogant and prideful.

Living Under an Open Heaven

1. Ask for the outpouring of His favor in prayer.
- ✓ Jabez ([1 Chr. 4:10](#)). What kind of life would Jabez have lead that he could not live without God's Favour? _____
 - ✓ Jacob ([Gen. 32:26](#)) *why would Jacob not let go? why was it so important to him?* _____
 - ✓ Jesus -[Hebrews 5:7-9](#) what was so Important & WHY?
 - ✓ Do I wrestle in Christ for God's blessing? Do I seek it? Do I seek Him? Is prayer a priority in my life? Do I ask Him for His blessing?
- Discuss what hinders us from really pursuing God's favor. _____

To Live under an Open Heaven, What must we have foremost with God? How do we acquire it ?

2. Live clean before Him [James 5:16](#) [1 John 1:9](#)

Have I confessed my sins and repented before Him?

3. [Jeremiah 29:12-14a](#) [John 15:7](#)

- Wait upon His answer and expect it.

4. Live obediently to Him through faith

5. [Rev. 1:3, John 15:7](#) Practice the things He has instructed specifically the Bible - [Rev. 1:3](#), John 15:7)

6. [John 15:12-14,17](#) Give as God gives.

7. [Jude 20-21](#) Pray in the Holy Spirit [Do you Actively engage in Listening Prayer?](#)

Looking and think about your group, or our church and its people. . What are some practical ways we can "Bless" each other, the church? Discuss: _____

Take a quiet moment & Think of 1 way we/you can be a Blessing where it "hits" us, at: work, family, etc. this week.

Myself: _____

As a Group: _____

Begin to actively yearn and ask for Gods Blessing !.

What did you hear or see this week?

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, What is God asking you to do about todays discussion? Who will you allow to hold you accountable to this? For you personally, what do you need to adjust in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center?

How can we your group, brothers and sisters help you ?