

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

June 4/5, 2016; Blessing No. 10

Speakers:

Pastor Mark Batterson

Scripture Focus: Numbers 6: 22-27

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed verse 25, “the Lord make His face to shine on you.” These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion in your small group. Don’t feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don’t have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions:

What is your most-used emoji? Which emoji is your favorite and why?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend’s message?
3. How can you speak blessings over those in your life?

Specific Questions:

1. What emoji do you typically associate with God? Do you think it accurately reflects his character? Why or why not?
2. Pastor Mark stated that, “sometimes the most spiritual thing you can do is hang in there.” Have you ever had a season that required “hanging in there?” Did you feel like it was a spiritual response? Why or why not? How has your perspective changed if you’re in a new season?
3. “Like the sun rising every day, God is so good at what he does that we take it for granted.” What do you take for granted? What can you do to start acknowledging what God is doing in your life?
4. Pastor Mark stated that, “we see such a thin slice of reality,” meaning that “there are blessings in categories we didn’t even know existed.” What does this statement mean to you? What is your response to it? Does it push you to dream bigger and pray harder?

5. Read II Corinthians 3:18 aloud. When it comes to God, “it is not our job to manufacture anything, all we need to do is reflect who he is.” What are you reflecting now? Are you reflecting what you’d like to? What adjustments could you make to be a better reflection of who God is?
6. Pastor Mark commented that His face is shining, but for some of us it’s cloudy because His light is obscured by sin and distraction. What sin and/or distractions are causing God’s light to be “cloudy” in your life?
7. Is there a dark place in your life that hasn’t seen light in a long time? Where do you need God to shine His light into your life? Are you willing to expose it?

Read, Pray, Act:

This week, read Isaiah 60:1-2, asking God to reveal those dark places in your life and pray for Light to shine into them. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for areas in your life where Light is already shining. Pay attention for opportunities this week to bless others and take action when they’re revealed!