

Giving a Blessing

The Blessing Series

Discussion Questions

- **Think of your childhood. If not you, how many friends felt like they had to perform for the blessing/approval of their parents?**
 - What was the performance that counted?
 - How would you know when the parent was satisfied?
 - Why do you think it's important for parents to bless their children in as much as they can?

- **Let's talk about giving blessings. Read Numbers 6:22-26?**
 - What can we know about "giving a blessing" based on this passage?
 - Why did God ask others to speak this blessing out loud and through others when he simply could have blessed the Israelites without them?
 - What would be the benefit of Aaron blessing the Israelites the way God asked him to?

- **Before you read Genesis 27:21-38, can someone tell us the context of the story? Why was the Covenant Blessing such a unique blessing Isaac had received (hint: it was tied to Abraham and the future of Israel)?**
 - How does this passage paint a sympathetic picture of Esau?
 - Why is he so heartbroken?
 - How do you think Esau, though unique in redemptive history, also illustrates what it's like to feel "un-blessed" by your family?
 - How can that feeling of not being affirmed impact you into adulthood?

- **What is it about the gospel that shows us we have a better Parent in God?**
 - How did Jesus perform for us, in our place?
 - What did his work at the Cross and empty tomb do for our standing with God the Father? How does God see us now concerning his love, acceptance, and forgiveness?
 - Read Eph. 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places."
 - How many spiritual blessings do we have?
 - What are some of them?
 - Why are these blessings ours?

- **How can we mirror the goodness shown to us in the gospel with our children as it concerns giving them blessings?**
 - What were the practical steps for giving a blessing (e.g., use your hands)?

- Which stood out to you, and why?
 - How can we find opportunities this year to bless our kids? How can you do that possibly as a group?
- **Which gospel identity of the growth grid (e.g., citizen, family, missionary) can help us move toward being a people who give blessings as the Lord leads?**
 - How would this impact our mission of making disciples?
 - Who could you bless this week or this month?