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BLESSED!

BOND BLESS BUILD
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**CONNECT
GROUP
DISCUSSION**

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Introduction:

Our 2021 theme is "BLESSED!". We are blessed by God so we are a "bless-ed" people. Genesis 12:2, God said this to Abraham, "I will make you a great nation," I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing". We see here, God blesses so that we become a blessed people and a blessing to others.

The Hebrew word for blessing is "Barach". Bar means "son". Rach means "open hand". Blessed means living under the Son with the open hand. Blessing always involves Jesus. It means Jesus is laying His open hand upon us, walking among us... in our homes, our work, our quiet moments alone, touching us, healing us, prospering us, setting us free, restoring our strength and keeping us from demonic powers, through this year!

Blessing also means God is Pro-Us! Open Hand Provides His Pro-mises, His Pro-tection, and Pro-vision: The ultimate open hand is one with the nail mark on them. This calls for Pro-clamation of the Gospel even during this Pandemic.

CG Discussion 1

What did the word “blessed” mean to you before? Now that you know it means living under the open hand of the Son of God, what new insights do you have and what difference does this insight make to your understanding of you being a blessed person and us being a blessed people?

As a BLESSED people we are called to Bond, Build and Bless. Bond means we come closer together and care. The main means of doing this is the CG. Build means we build lives and legacies together.. things and lives that outlive us and blesses the next generation. It means building a strong inter-generational church, strong marriages and families, great confident spiritual and attractive singles, healed and wholesome lives and finally SkyArena which is a building to be used for building future lives and legacies.

CG Discussion 2

How can we build strong caring CG with healed, wholesome and spiritually stronger members in our CG this year? How do we care for one another in a way that strengthens this family especially with the possibility of job losses, pay cuts, business challenges? What if one member who is online with us regularly comes down with Covid, how should we respond?

Finally as a BLESSED people we are called to Bless. How do we bless? These are the two main ways this year. Sharing the gospel personally or through being part of a team inviting friends to explore the meaning of life through Alpha Online. Join the training that’s happening now;. Secondly through meeting the needs brought about by the pandemic in hospitals, quarantine centres, prisons and also in giving food to the poor. This is by giving and going out to share.

CG Discussion 3

Share with one another how you personally might want to live your life so as to be a blessing to others this year either is the gospel or in giving to needs. Have you any goals regarding sharing the gospel and seeing lives saved? Have you any goals in helping to meet needs during this pandemic. Share what you think being a blessing to others will do for you?