

Group Questions – Joshua 8:30-35 – The Blessing

INTRO: Last week, we saw Israel walk forward into the NEW DAY God had for them. They left their sin and past in the past, moved beyond it, and saw God give them the victory at Ai.

They had seen what it looked like when they walked in SIN – DEFEAT

And they had seen what it looked like when they walked in BLESSING - VICTORY

Read – Joshua 8:30-35

Read – Deuteronomy 27:11-26

According to these verses what were the Israelites supposed to do at Mt. Ebal?

Why do you think God would want people so focused on curses?

In Joshua 8 we see that Joshua also read these words to the Israelites...

Read – Deuteronomy 28:1-9

What are some of the promises made here in Deuteronomy 28?

Read – Deuteronomy 11:26-29

If you were there, which one would you have chosen, BLESSING or CURSE?

I know this may seem like a silly question, but try to think deep about it...

Why do we want to be BLESSED, instead of being CURSED?

(Try to get your people to see that God created us to enjoy blessing)

According to what we have read so far, what would cause the people to be BLESSED or CURSED?

(Their ability to keep the law)

Read – Galatians 3:10-11

What do these verses say about our ability to keep the law?

If we are not able to keep the law, then are we BLESSED or CURSED?

Read – Galatians 3:13-14

What do these verses teach us about BLESSING and CURSING?

Explain, in your own words, what Jesus has done for you.

Read – Ephesians 1:3

What is promised in this verse?

Share what you think is meant by SPIRITUAL BLESSING.

What is the difference between SPIRITUAL BLESSING and PHYSICAL BLESSING?

When do we get to receive ‘every spiritual blessing’?

The word “GOSPEL” literally means “GOOD NEWS”

What GOOD NEWS do you see from these verses in Ephesians and Galatians?

Read – Mark 16:15

What is it that Jesus was telling us to do in that verse?

In your own words, what does it mean to share the gospel?

What makes it difficult for you to share the gospel with other people?

How might this understanding of the gospel help you to share more?

Do you feel like our world could use some GOOD NEWS right now?

Who might be able to share some GOOD NEWS with the world?

Close by thanking God for the good news we have received, and ask Him to give us a passion to share this good news with others.