

Scriptures for further study

Genesis 12:1-3 | 1 Kings 8:60 | Revelation 7:9-10 | 1 Chronicles 16:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Would you like God to bless your life? Should you ask God to bless your life, or is that being too selfish?
- 2. The "big idea" in Psalm 67 is God blesses us to bless the nations, that all nations might know and worship Him. What is the purpose of seeking the blessing of God?
- 3. If we want to experience God's blessing, we must learn to accept His graciousness. Life tends to teach us to work hard, earn what we get and keep it for ourselves. In other words, we live like we deserve to be rewarded because we worked hard. Is this a healthy perspective on life? How can we show appreciation for God's graciousness? If our perspective and practice in life is to earn, get and keep, then what will we ultimately look like as a church? As a nation?
- 4. God's acts on behalf of His people have the greater purpose of bringing others into fellowship with Him. God is most likely to bless us when we are planning to bless the nations. The praise of the nations accomplishes the goal of helping the world recognize the Lord's sovereignty. What is the significance of praise in the life of the believer? What does praise look like to you?
- 5. We cannot disconnect the blessing of God from the purpose of God. "The earth has yielded its increase" (v. 6) indicates the exact blessing of this psalm. The blessings of one's crops was an outworking of God's covenant with His people if they were obedient to Him. How has God specifically blessed you in correlation with an act of obedience?
- 6. Would you notice a change in your spiritual journey if you starting praying Psalm 67 for your life? Are you asking God to instill in your heart and in the hearts of your children a desire for the nations to worship Him? Are you being a good and generous steward of God's material blessings so that you can use them to bless the nations? How can you avoid being selfish and not squandering the blessings of God?

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