

Blessed - Be With Me

Memory Verse:

A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

-John 10:10 MSG

How have you observed both sides of this verse in the past 7 days? (Challenge: Each member of the group should come up with 7 unique blessings from God in the past 7 days and share them with the group.)

Jabez prayed this simple little prayer:

“Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!” And God granted him his request.

-1 Chronicles 4:10 NLT

It was bold, and audacious, do you struggle to pray these kind of prayer to God? Why or why not?

Have you ever received an answer to a prayer like that? What was it?

Part of Jabez’s prayer seems funny, “Please be with me in all that I do!” But what was he praying for actually?

Jabez wasn’t praying for God’s presence because God is always there.

READ: Psalm 139:7-10, Job 34:21 ESV

When you think about God’s omnipresence, what comes to mind? Is it comforting or intimidating?

Jabez wasn’t praying that God would go and do some task for him. God wants to bless the work of our hands.

READ: Deuteronomy 2:7, Colossians 3:23-24

How has God blessed your work?

Do you see your job as a blessing from God or a curse? What needs to change so that your work is a blessing?

Jabez was praying that God’s blessing and favor would be with him to guide and direct him in every avenue of his life, for God to give him the strength, the grace, and the faith, to live a life of obedience.

This morning Kelly said that, “Our struggle isn’t in knowing what we need to do, it is in doing what we already know we need to do.”

READ: Romans 2:14-15, Romans 7:13-18

Can you identify with Paul’s words here? Have you ever found yourself in the middle of this battle?

What do you do if you find yourself stuck here?

READ: John 14:15, Matthew 16:24-25

Obedience isn't about following rules, it is about dying to self. Why is this challenge so hard?

What keeps us from trusting God more fully?

What is one way that as a group we could encourage each other this week to live a life fully surrendered to God?

Take time to close in prayer.