



Message Devotional, Discussion Questions & Prayer

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MESSAGE: Bless Me

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SERIES: Dangerous Prayers

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CHECK-IN & SHARE WINS: What was one highlight from your week? Where have you seen Jesus at work—in your life or in the world around you? *Celebrating wins helps propel God's mission forward and inspire others to join in.*

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions are great for personal reflection, group discussion, or both. They're meant to help you grow in your faith, deepen your connection with your Jesus friends, and live it out in the world around you.

1. What areas or things do most people ask God to bless? Which one do you tend to pray for most often?
2. Read Matthew 5:3–10. Which Beatitude (Blessed) connects with you the most, and why? How do you see God's blessing in that one?
3. What are *three* reasons you think God wants to bless you?
4. Why do you think Jesus tells us to keep asking, seeking, and knocking? Is His goal simply to bless us, or is He inviting us into something more? (Matthew 7:7–8)
5. Following the logic in Matthew 7:9–11 what is the main truth that is being communicated regarding prayer in this passage?
6. What are some reasons people might not ask God for things they need? (James 4:2)
7. How can our motives (why we ask) affect how we pray? (James 4:3) Do you have a specific example from your life?
8. Why do you think God doesn't always give us everything we ask for? When you read 1 John 5:14–15, do you ever struggle to understand how God's promises about prayer fit with your own experience or needs?
9. When you read 2 Corinthians 9:8, what does it reveal about God and how He cares for you? Can you share an example of how this verse has been true in your life?
10. Read Genesis 12:2–3. Because you are blessed by God—How could you live as someone who is a blessing to others? What is one area you could be a blessing? Who will be the recipient of this blessing?
11. Have different people pray specific prayers of blessing over each person in the group. Next take time to praise the God from whom all blessings flow.



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PRAYER OPTIONS: Practice praying out loud to grow your faith—even if it feels uncomfortable. Try it with people you trust and feel safe with.

- Have different people pray specific **prayers of blessing** over each person in the group. Next take time to praise the God from whom all blessings flow.
- **Share** *one* thing you are thankful for (a praise) and *one* thing you need prayer for (a request). Then pray together for each other's requests.
- **Prayer Partnership:** What's on your heart that we can partner with you and bring it to the Lord?
- **Read and put into practice James 5:13-16.** Pray for the sick, praise Him for everything, confess your sins, pray for physical, spiritual and emotional healing.
- **Praise Sentences:** Short prayers thanking God, then pray for shared needs.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of 2-3, share requests, pray together, and encourage each other during the week.

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