

“Blessed to be a Blessing”

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Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, Your Word tells us that giving thanks in all circumstances is Your will for us. In times of adversity this can be a difficult. Nevertheless, help us to maintain a discipline of gratitude, not for this season alone, but for our entire lives. For no matter what challenges us, we can rest in the assurance that You are a God of blessings. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Reading

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Message Notes

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Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Study Questions

Read Luke 6:37-38

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. When was the last time someone showed you grace when you didn't expect it?
2. What's one act of kindness you remember from childhood that still sticks with you?

Based on Luke 6:37-38, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read **Luke 6:37-38**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. What stands out to you in Jesus' commands to *not judge*, *not condemn*, *forgive*, and *give*?
2. Why do you think Jesus links judgment, condemnation, forgiveness, and generosity together?
3. What do you think Jesus means by “with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you”?
4. How does this passage challenge the way our culture typically responds to people who hurt or offend us?
5. In practical terms, what does it look like to refrain from judging without abandoning discernment?

6. How have you experienced judgment or condemnation from others, and how did it affect you?
7. How have you experienced forgiveness or generosity, and how did that impact you?
8. Why do you think forgiveness is emphasized so strongly in Jesus' teaching?
9. What might keep someone from giving generously—whether resources, time, or grace?
10. Jesus describes a “good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over.” What feelings or images does that phrase stir in you?
11. How does this passage reflect the heart and character of God?
12. How can this teaching shape a community or church if taken seriously?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. Where is God calling you to stop judging or condemning someone this week?
2. How can you model God's “pressed down, shaken together, running over” grace in a practical situation right now?
3. What specific habit or attitude do you need to change to become a more grace-filled person?