



Part 1 - November 6, 2016

ICEBREAKER: If you hear someone sneeze, do you say “bless you”? What do you think that really means? Or look on Twitter and search #blessed. Do you think the people that tag that are on point with what it means to be blessed or not?

MAIN POINTS:

**A stagnant life says no,
A blessed life flows**

EXPLORATION:

1. Read Psalms 1:1 and 32:1. What do these verses indicate it means to be blessed?

(Context Clues- the Hebrew word אָשַׁר [’ashar, ’asher /aw-shar/- means to be made happy, to set right, to be led on, to be blessed)

2. Read Genesis 1:28. What does the context of this verse indicate that it means that “God blessed them”?

(Context Clues- the Hebrew word בָּרַךְ [barak /baw-rak/- means to bless, commend, speak words invoking divine favor, person will have favorable circumstances at a future time.)

3. Read James 1:12. What does this verse seem to indicate it means to be blessed?

(Context Clues- the Greek word Μακάριος (makarios) means pertaining to being happy, with the implication of enjoying favorable circumstances.)

4. Read Luke 24:49-50. What does the context of these verses indicate that it meant that Jesus blessed the disciples?

(Context Clues- the Greek word εὐλογέω (eulogeo)- means to to ask God to give divine favor or significant benefit to.)

APPLICATION:

1. In light of the various meanings of the four words that get translated “blessed”, what do you think it really means to be blessed?

(Context Clues- both the Hebrew and the Greek words indicate that to truly be blessed means that the favor of God is both flowing into and being spoken into your life and that the same is flowing from your life.)

2. Do you feel that you are blessed? Why or why not? If you can, tell a particular time that you specifically felt blessed or shared God’s blessing. How does your life reflect the Main Point of this lesson “A stagnant life says no, but a blessed life flows”?

3. Pray for God’s blessing to flow into and out of River Point Community Church and our families. Pray that God would truly bless our efforts for Operation Christmas Child.