Hope Chapel Series - "Our Season to Bless" - Part 1

Message Summary: Have you ever given a blessing? Have you ever been blessed? And no, this doesn't refer to a "blessing" for dinner. This type of blessing comes directly from God and His design for humanity. While blessings contain roots in ancient history, they still serve a very purposeful role in our world and even in your life. Hope Chapel series, "*Our Season to Bless*" will remind you of what it means to give a blessing, highlighting actions and attitudes combined to make this biblical tool so uniquely effective.

Qualified to Bless

THE AUTHORITY TO BLESS:

- 1. **Legal grounds of our blessings.** Galatians 3:7-9; Genesis 12:1-3 *"It is your faith in Jesus Christ that qualifies you."*
 - A. Seven areas God will bless you for obeying Him. Deuteronomy 28:1-13
 - LOCATION: Bless you wherever you are. v.3
 - **FAMILY:** Blessings upon your offspring. v. 4
 - VOCATION: Blessings upon whatever work you're in. v. 4
 - **SUPPLY:** Bless you with a present supply (enough for now). vs. 5
 - DAILY DUTIES: Bless the daily demands. v. 6
 - VICTORY IN BATTLE: Bless you in time of Battle. v. 7
 - ENTERPRIZES: Blessings upon your creative ideas. v. 8

2. Positional grounds of our blessings. 1 Peter 2:5,9; Revelation 1:6; 5:10

"We have been made priest of God."

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT- (5 minutes) Praise & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10 minutes) What blessings have you received recently?

EXPLORE IT- (60 minutes) Review Sunday's sermon outline and allow the group to share their notes and comments. Now answer the following questions:

- 1. In Galatians 3:7-9 how has God blessed believers? Share your own experiences.
- 2. In everyday language, how would you describe the spiritual blessings given to you?
- 3. What does it mean that "we have not only been given blessings, but the authority to bless"?
- 4. How should knowing that you are a priest of God affect your involvement in blessing others? How should a priest of God represent God?
- 5. Why would you tell someone to seek the One who blesses instead of the blessings?

APPLY IT- In the days ahead, how can you share with other people those blessings God has given you? Now pray a blessing upon each person in your group... (*I bless you in Jesus' Name. Amen.*)