

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Hope Chapel Series – “Our Season to Bless” part 2

Message Summary: Our series continues with what it means to give a blessing to children. Highlighting what actions and attitudes combine to make this biblical tool so uniquely effective. Within Scripture, the blessing was everything for a child. It is one of the primary vehicles to take God's love and pass it on to the next generation. Using the brief overview of the blessing, you can create life-changing moments for your family. Christian parents, have God's Word through the Scriptures as a guide, plus the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Blessing Our Children

Hebrews 11:20-21

Our AUTHORITY TO BLESS: (last week)

- 1. Legal grounds of our blessings.** Galatians 3:7-9,14
“It is your faith in Jesus Christ that qualifies you
- 2. Positional grounds of our blessings.** 1 Peter 2:5,9
“We have been made priest of God.”

WAYS WE BLESS OUR CHILDREN:

- 1. Bless children by the words we speak.**
Numbers 6:23-27; Matthew 19:13-15

- 2. Bless children by the way we live as examples.**
Proverbs 13:22; Exodus 20:3-6

LifeGroup QUESTIONS

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

OPEN IT- (10 min) What would you do differently if you could live your childhood over again?

EXPLORE IT- (60 min)

1. What part of Sunday's message made an impression upon you?
2. See 1 Peter 2: 5 & 9. How should knowing that you are a priest of God affect your involvement in blessing others?
3. Why does a child need to hear the blessings spoken over them?
4. In Numbers 6:23-27, what are some specific ways you could bless a child?
5. What are some ways you get so caught up in your schedule or “to do” list that you are insensitive or even rude to children around you? How could that be corrected?
6. What are some ways we might hinder children from coming to Christ?
7. What would help bring a child to Christ? In the “Rules of Kingdom Life” found in Luke 6:27-38, which of Jesus' commands do you think goes most against human nature?

APPLY IT- (15 min) If you desire to be more sensitive to others, have your group pray for you now for God to help you be a blessing to both your enemies and friends.