

## Week 2 | April 15 Sermon

## **Community:**

These questions are designed to help your groupies take one next step in being real with each other. Choose for the group, let each person choose a question, or cut them out, put them in a bowl & draw them out at random! However you use them, they'll definitely help you learn things about each other you didn't know.

Are you a hugger or a non-hugger? Why?

Are you more of a rule breaker or a ruler keeper? Why?

How much of a bargain hunter are you? Explain.

If you had to change your first name, what name would you choose?

If you were able to listen to only one music album ever again, what would it be and why?

If you could relive any year of your life, what year would you choose? Why?



## **BLESSING BASICS**

Matthew 22:34-40, Matthew 28:16-20

Share words of affirmation, acts of kindness and gifts of generosity to communicate love and encouragement.

Start every day with a prayer asking God,
"How do you want me to bless the world today?"
Respond to His promptings and bless three people this
week – at least one of whom is not a member of our church.

**SANCTUARY**:: Keith Korver

Text:: Matthew 22:34-40

Main idea: the holy habit of blessing is simply loving God and others

How does the act of blessing God and others diminish the religious spirit?

Share with in your group how you like to be blessed by others.

Respond to the meaning of "blessing" which is "to add strength to another person's arms".

Name a person you have blessed with either words of affirmation; acts of kindness; or gifts "to add strength to their arms."

Name three people you will bless this week to develop the holy habit of loving others with God's love through blessing.



Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25** 

**AUDITORIUM ::** Phil DeBoef

Text:: Matthew 22:34-40 | Matthew 28:16-20

One of the definitions of blessing is "to add strength to another's arms." Can you recall a time in your life when someone blessed you in this way? Have you ever been used by Holy Spirit to bless someone in this way?

Write a retro journal of some real life situations where the power of words had a significant impact in your journey –positive or negative. If you are willing to share these moments, feel free to do so.

In the story of Jesus' interaction with the woman at the well from John 4, what surprises you most about Jesus' ministry?

How have you seen your relationship with Christ restore God's dream for your life?

What is one thing you can do this week to reach someone who is distant from Father, help restore God's dream for his/her life, and speak new life into a dormant soul?