



K I N G D O M   C O M M U N I T Y

## Week 12 | June 24 Sermon

### **Community:**

Take some time to reflect back over the last 12 weeks. You may want to give each person time and space to do that alone first. Through this series we have learned:

**B**—Blessing basics & Begin with prayer

**L**—Listen to the Holy Spirit and to others & Learn about Jesus

**E**—Eat together & Encourage

**S**—Serve & Sent

**S**—The power of God's Story & Sharing Story

*God's plan was to use a blessing strategy to reach people who are far from God, restore God's dream for the world and reproduce Jesus' mission in others.*

**We are blessed to be a blessing.**

Genesis 12:1-3 | Matthew 5-7

Then process together:

What have been your highlights of the series?

What has been most difficult for you to think about or to put action towards?

In what ways has the Holy Spirit called you to bless in the last 12 weeks?

How are you different now than before the series? (How have you grown?)

*You may also want/need this community time to finalize your "Now What?" plans and/or to continue sharing story from last week. Please do what works best for your GROUP.*

## **SANCTUARY :: Kevin Korver**

Please read Genesis 12:1-3 and Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11-14. What words or phrases are quickened within you as you seek to apply these passages in becoming a people who BLESS?

Please read and compare Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11-14 with Psalm 137. The location of both texts is the same but the tone is so different. Why? If you were exiled which text would rule your life? Why?

Why might "the Lord God Almighty" (5x) send those He loves into exile? If the reason is not to BLESS, what else could it be?

What does the Lord's sending people into exile reveal about His missional heart?

Review the BLESS strategy (on page 1). Could you share some ways you have applied these action steps as you sought to BLESS these past 12 weeks?

Would you name:

1-2 people

1-2 situations

1-2 leaders

within your city that you can pray for and bless?



*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 :: Tom Vander Well**

Think about world events in your lifetime. What significant events "changed the narrative" in our world?

Now think about your own life. What major life events "changed the narrative" in your world (e.g. tragedies, key relationships, major life events, etc.)?

Think about your relationship with Christ. How has being a follower of Jesus "changed the narrative" of your life?

Read Matthew 23. Based on Jesus' words to the religious leaders of his day, what was the "Narrative" that they were teaching the people? How did the narrative Jesus was telling contrast with it?

As we move into a year focused on "Kingdom Multiplication" lets think about those in our circles of influence who are not followers of Christ. If the non-believers you know were to describe the narrative they typically hear from "Christians" or "the Church" what do you think they would say? How do you think Jesus would have us change the narrative of the stories we are telling?