



## SDG Discussion Guide

### Numbers 6:22-27

May 27, 2018

For starters:

What farewell blessing or ritual is common to your family or friends? Why do you like it?

What comes to mind when you hear the word “blessing”?

Name one thing in your life you would consider “a blessing.”

Interaction with the text: (The following questions are meant to provide points of further interaction with the respective sermon text. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find these questions in print on that Sunday.)

As you can, read aloud the passage in your group. Provided you can, read it aloud a second time but from a different Bible translation (eg, read from the ESV after first reading from the NIV). Provided you still can, read it aloud a third time from yet another Bible translation (eg, from the KJV). Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together, what points and questions arose? Spend plenty of time in your group to address these. What else did you notice? Explore and see how God may steer the discussion. The following are further questions for interaction.

1. What do you learn about “blessing” from this passage?
2. Is there a particular phrase that grabs you or intrigues you? What and why?
3. What do you learn about God from this passage? What do you learn about the people of God from this passage?
4. Was there anything said or done in the sermon or worship service this past Sunday that gave you a new perspective on “blessing” and if so, what was it?
5. How might this passage instruct you as you think about being a people who speak blessing to others?
6. In what ways has God’s power been evident in your life of late? How does that reflect the three-fold blessing here?
7. What does this priestly blessing say about what God wants for you and your life?
8. How has God blessed you through the ministry of Pastor Steve or Michelle or both (if at all)? Consider writing that blessing down and sending it to them at [sruetschle@gmail.com](mailto:sruetschle@gmail.com) -- they will be blessed to hear it.
9. Who is one person to whom you can speak a word of blessing? What do you think you might say? (One idea is to allow your SDG to be a time when you can bless one another.)

Spend some time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to fall afresh on you and your group. Pause and be in silence a while. Ask God to bless you, to make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, to turn His face toward you and give you peace. Go forth this week with the confidence of the promise of His blessing upon you.

\*These questions were adapted from *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).