

## Psalm 67

1. This Psalm begins by asking for God's blessing. What exactly is God's blessing? What does it mean to be "blessed" by God?

a. What are some of the key ways that God has blessed you?

2. In v. 2 the Psalmist then gives the reason for the request. What is that reason? Why are they asking for God's blessing?

a. How does God blessing his people lead to God's "ways" and "saving power" being known on the earth?

b. What are some specific ways that you can use God's blessings to make him known to others?

3. Verses 3-5 go on to explain that God's justice and guidance will lead the nations to worship Him. In some sense, the earth will not fully enjoy God's justice and guidance until Jesus returns. But Jesus' first coming brought the first fruits of God's saving rule into the world, so that even now we experience a foretaste of what we will fully enjoy.

a. That being the case, how do we see and experience God's justice and guidance now?

b. How can we, who have already received these two blessings, share that with others?

4. The Psalm ends with confidence that God will bless us. This kind of confidence is the key to expectant prayer.

a. Knowing what you know about Israel's history, why do you think the Psalmist was able to be so confident despite Israel's repeated moral and spiritual failures?

b. When are you able to pray confidently with expectation and when is it difficult?

5. Mike encouraged us to be priests (a mediator of God's blessing and presence) in our families, neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. What does this look like?

a. Mike challenged us to prayer walk one of these places this week. (Just take 5 to 10 minutes to walk around and pray for that place.) Where do you feel called to do that?