



SERMON DISCUSSION

The Blessing

Quotable Moments:

- Blessing: The intentional transfer of parental blessing and prayer for God's favor on the next generation.

Scripture: Genesis 27:18-28

Key Things You Heard:

- The blessing may be declared in a moment, but it is transferred over a lifetime.
- There is tremendous gravity to any moment when children hear their parents' specific prayers for God to bless them.
- **Components of Isaac's blessing: Prayerful, Personalized, Financial, Binding, Prophetic.**
- Children who grow up feeling emotionally abandoned are more vulnerable to lives characterized by anger, disappointment, and aimless ambition.

Pray: Jesus, thank you for the family you have given me. I understand to a greater degree the powerful impact that a blessing can have. In times where a blessing was not given, thank you for your grace extended to me. Help me to impact the next generation by intentionally conveying a blessing to those in my family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Plan a specific moment where you can impact your family system by using the power of the blessing?
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: What word would you use to describe your family system? Why? (Optional Story Cards exercise)

- Did you experience moments of being given a blessing by a parent or parental figure in your life? What impact is that having on your life?
- Which of the components of Isaac's blessing stands out to you the most (see list to the left)?
- Read Genesis 27:16-28. What is the result in Esau's life of not receiving a blessing?
- Read Genesis 48:15-16. How does Jacob describe his life and how did that enable the blessing he was able to give his sons?
- In our culture, what are some key events or transition moments, where intentionally conveying a blessing could be meaningful? What might that look like for you to give?
- Who are some people in your life that God may be calling you to speak a blessing to? How can this group encourage you?