



# Life Guide/Closer Look

applying God's Word to life June 15-17,  
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## **A. God as Father on Father's Day**

1. Happy Father's Day! I've put one minute on the clock. How many father-son pairs or father-daughter pairs can we come up with from the Bible? Shout them out!

2. What are some ways that God is like a father?

### Numbers 6:22-27

<sup>22</sup> *The LORD said to Moses,* <sup>23</sup> *"Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:*

<sup>24</sup> *"'The LORD bless you, and keep you;*

<sup>25</sup> *the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;*

<sup>26</sup> *the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.'"*

<sup>27</sup> *"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."*

What questions do you have about this passage?

## **B. Our Perspective on Blessings**

3. We love to pride ourselves: "I am responsible for good in my life." We grumble "Someone else is responsible for the bad." How did the Israelites display that attitude in Numbers? (<https://bit.ly/1Og3Qgl>)

4. How have you seen that thinking in modern days?

5. How does Numbers 6:22-27 turn that thinking around?

## **C. What A Blessing Is (Want to be nerds for a bit?)**

6. Re-read v. 23-26. What is this?

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7. What words say is different than what they do.  
What do the words of the blessing say?

8. What do these words do?

## **D. "So they will put my name on the Israelites"**

9. We'll answer the question: "What does it mean that God put his name on us?" First, what's something that has your name on it? Why?

10. How might you imagine God putting his name on you?

11. Picture God's name on you. What are the implications for how you picture, think about, and talk to yourself?

12. Picture God's name on other people. What are the implications of how you picture, think about, and talk to them?

13. Why does this make a great blessing to end a worship service?

14. If there's a lull in the conversation at lunch and you want to share something we talked about this morning, what will you say?