

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Stronger In Prayer 9 - Worldwide Worship of God

1) Has God ever done something good for you which sparked an interest or a question from a non-Christian?

2) Read **Psalm 67v1-7**. What was the most encouraging thing you understood from this Psalm when Rich spoke from it on Sunday?

3) One of the main ideas in **Psalm 67** is that we as God's people should pray for him to bless us (do us good). The purpose is that his blessing flows out to all people.

Read Matthew 5v13-16.

i) Which blessings of being God's people are mentioned here? What do they mean?

ii) How can we make bad use of these blessings and bring no benefit to people who don't know God?

iii) Which blessings does God want to give to the wider world through us?

iv) How should we pray that God would bless us and use us as a church from these verses?

4) Ask the same questions about two more Bible passages:

i) **2 Corinthians 9v6-11**

ii) **1 Peter 2v11-12**

5) How could realising that God blesses us to bless others change the way you pray for yourself?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Genesis 12v1-5**

- a) How had God already blessed Abram?
- b) How did he show his faith in God at this point in his life? (*see also Hebrews 11v8*)
- c) What did God promise to do for Abram in the future?
- d) What effect would his blessings have on the world?
- e) How were these promises to bless the world ultimately fulfilled? (*see also Galatians 3v8-9 & 13-14*)
- f) What is the best way you can pray for God to bless others through you?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Please continue to pray for the next **Alpha Course** which starts with an introductory meal on **Sunday 22nd September** at **7pm** at Prezzo. Pray for boldness as we step out in faith and invite our family, friends and colleagues.

Please pray for **Newday** which is on **Mon 29th July - Sat 3rd August**. Pray for good weather during the week which is especially important as they will be camping. Pray that the young people going will meet with God, have fun and get on well together. Please pray for their leaders Ryan and Rosie.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

There will be an **informal picnic every Sunday** (apart from **21st July**) after our Sunday morning meeting. Come over to the Tesco end of Malling Fields near the skate park or river, for as long or as short as you like. Feel free to invite friends.

We will be having **Baptisms** on **Sunday 25th August**. If you haven't already been baptised and would like to be, please speak to one of the leaders.

Save the date! **Church BBQ** at Abbot's Wood on **Sunday 8th September**.

The next **Alpha Meal** will be on **Sunday 22nd September, 7pm** at Prezzo. Please pray about who you will invite.