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Blessed to Be a Blessing

Focus God blesses those who bless Israel.

Fun What is one of the most interesting places you have traveled?

Review Key Scriptures: Genesis 12:1–3; Psalm 122:6; Romans 1:16; Acts 3:25, 13:5, 13:14, 14:1, 17:10, 18:5–8, 19:8; Matthew 15:24; Romans 11:1, 11–12, 15

- **The Peace of Israel**

When you pray about something, you become burdened and concerned about it. The Bible says to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. The Church has not replaced Jerusalem, but rather the Church has been grafted into theology. God wants us to pray for Jerusalem, which will lead us to pray for the Jewish people and Israel, and our hearts will be opened to God's purpose for Israel.

- **The Priority of Israel**

God has an order for everything. The key to world evangelism is to see the whole world accept Yeshua (Jesus), but God has an order. God's order is to take the gospel to the Jewish people first, then to the Gentiles.

- **The Purpose of Israel**

Throughout Scripture, we see God created Israel for a purpose. God brought the gospel through the Jewish people. God gave the foundation of His law and His love through Israel. God has established an everlasting covenant with Israel and will bless all those who bless Israel.

Group Dynamics Idea Find an opportunity either as a group or as an individual to be a blessing to someone else.

Discuss

1. Read Psalm 122:6. God calls all believers to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. How can we begin incorporating this principle into our everyday lives?
2. No other nation on earth has blessed the world more than Israel, and no other nation has been more hated than Israel. In your own words, what do you think this means? Should this reality affect our relationship with the Jewish people today? Why or why not?
3. Read Romans 11:1, 11–12, and 15. Think about what this Scripture is saying. If the Jews' *rejection* of Jesus as the Messiah led to the reconciliation of the world, what will their *acceptance* of the Messiah mean? More Jewish people are putting their faith in Jesus as the Messiah now than ever in the history of the world. What should our relationship and perspective be regarding Israel?
4. How can we, as believers in Jesus Christ as the Messiah, be a light and a blessing to the world around us?
5. What are some steps we can take to learn more about Israel and the Jewish people to understand the purpose God has for the nation of Israel?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
- As you begin to pray you will get a burden. And as you get a burden, you will study, and as you study you will know the priority.
- When you tithe, give, and pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Jewish people, you can get in on the blessing to be a blessing.

Prayer

Lord, thank You that through Jesus Christ we can all come to know You. Thank You for the land of Israel and for the Jewish people. Today, we pray that You would restore peace to Israel and give the Jewish people a revelation of Jesus as their Messiah. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Reading the Word of God is an important part of developing a personal relationship with God, and reading different versions during your quiet time can bring a fresh understanding to the Scriptures. The Tree of Life Version is the first Bible in the history of the world that has been translated by Jewish-believing scholars. It is a word-for-word translation and would be a great addition for anyone who wishes to read the Word of God from a Jewish translation.