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Pastor Tim Wood – Great Benedictions: Receiving the blessing of God

Aaron's Benediction Numbers 6:22-27

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you his peace.”
Numbers 6:24-27

A Blessing in Triplicate

Receiving God's blessing

1. The LORD bless you -
2. The LORD keep you -
3. The LORD make his face shine upon you -
4. The LORD be gracious to you -
5. The LORD lift his countenance toward you -
6. The LORD give you his peace -

Small Group Study: Discovering Your S.H.A.P.E.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

“For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”

This Weeks Special Bible Reading Meditation: Psalm 139

Daily Meditation Reading:

Day 1: Jeremiah 18:1-6

Day 2: Psalm 139:1-4

Day 3: Psalm 139:5-12

Day 4: Psalm 139:13-16

Day 5: Psalm 139:17-24

Discuss ***Ephesians 2:10*** as a group and how it relates to your individual lives.

1. How does it make you feel knowing that God sees you as a masterpiece?
2. What specific events have happened in your life that as you look back now you can see how God was shaping your life for His purpose?
3. What might be the good things God wants to achieve through you?
4. ***Read Jeremiah 18:1-6.*** How does understanding that we are clay in the potters hand help you understand that God is making you for His Kingdom purpose. You are being shaped the way He desires.

Over the next five weeks we are going to explore how God has shaped your life for His Kingdom purpose. Rick Warren and Erik Rees have developed the understanding of our S.H.A.P.E. and in this study we will look at each of these concepts and what the Bible has to say about how God has shaped you for service.

1. **Spiritual Gifts:** A set of special abilities that God has given you so that you may share his love and serve others.
2. **Heart:** The special passions God has given you so that you can glorify him on earth.
3. **Abilities:** The set of talents that God gave you when you were born, which he also wants to use to make an impact for him.
4. **Personality:** The special way God has wired you to navigate life and fulfill your unique Kingdom purpose.
5. **Experiences:** Those parts of your past, both positive and painful, which God intends to use in great ways.