

small group QUESTIONS

Your response to the sermon

What does a blessed person like? What is the key? Describe what a blessed family is. What does the book of Philippians teach about the healthy church? What are the many ways New Venture is so blessed? In what way is America blessed? In what way is America not so blessed?

The story of your life

Of the four points (the blessed person, the blessed family, the blessed church, the blessed nation), where did you find your heart most drawn? Why?

Venturing Further

Let's talk about God's view of marriage. Review what Jim Garlow said about Genesis 1-2. What impacted you most about that? What did you understand from:

- "Adam vs. adam"
- "rib" vs. the "half"/"part"
- Hebrew words "ish" (male) "ishah" (female)
- the name of God (YHWH) tucked in "male" and "female"
- "fire" when God (YH) is removed
- "covenant" (brit)
- "fire" (aish) put in "covenant" (brit) becoming "in the beginning" (berisheet)

Did that make sense to you? What does this mean to you? Why is it significant? Do you see how you might be able to share this with other believers? And with unbelievers?

Living it Out

Jim Garlow suggested having more confidence in God's Word, to simply proclaim the truth. Don't feel the need to argue or defend or debate. Move in the power of the Holy Spirit to "proclaim," with confidence in the power of God's Word.