



YEAR 3—The God Who Pursues Relationship: A Story of God's People

Module 1: Genesis Part 1

Communal Experience: Blessed to Be a Blessing

EXPERIENCE DESCRIPTION

This module began with the creation story and ended with God's covenant with Abraham. Through the creation story we saw that God created out of love with the purpose of relationship with His creation. God created the perfect world and desired a holy relationship with humankind. However, humanity chose to serve self rather than God and broke that relationship. Yet God, out of love, continued to reach out to humanity with love and forgiveness. Throughout this module we see God reaching out to humanity with the offer of relationship.

God's covenant with Abraham was a sign that God's plan is to bless people as they live in relationship with Him. Each person is called to live in relationship with God—receiving God's blessing. In turn, those who live daily in obedience to God are to be a blessing to others.

For this communal experience you will take time to consider the ways you can be a blessing to others.

EXPERIENCE DIRECTIONS

Share with your group that to be “blessed” by God is to be favored by God. True blessing comes from God. For us, conveying a blessing is like expressing a desire that someone would experience the favor of God in his or her life.

We can offer a blessing to others through the things we say and do. Although there are thousands of ways we can be a blessing, here are just a few ways to consider.

1. Send a note of encouragement or appreciation to someone.
2. Offer your time and effort in helping another.
3. Speak a word of thanks to someone who has been special to you in your life.
4. Take time to visit a person who may be discouraged or lonely.
5. Send a note to an individual letting them know you have committed the next 30 days to praying for them.

Share this list with your group. Invite each person to pick one of the things listed above. Then, ask them to live this out sometime during the next week. (You may even consider choosing a blessing that could be done as a group.)

During your time together the following week, allow for volunteers to share what they experienced. Be sure to discuss how this act was a blessing to others.