

9-29-24 Facilitator – Blessed in A Cursed World, Galatians 3:9-14, Tim Rice

1. Launchers: Are you blessed?

- What does it mean to be blessed?
- What does it feel like to be blessed, live blessed?

2. Worship God – Bless the Lord in prayer and praise.

Psalm 134:1–3 (ESV)

- ¹ Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!
- ² Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!
- ³ May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!

His Glory and My Good - CityAlight

Todd Riggs Worship Song Choice for Striggs CG

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith, I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me

For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
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To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
And I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good
Yes, I know His glory is my good

3. Sermon Reflection: Blessed in A Cursed World, Galatians 3:9-14, Tim Rice

Galatians 3:9–14 (ESV)

⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. ¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

DESIGNED FOR DEPENDENCE

- How has God designed us to be reliant on Him and sufficiently sourced?
- What or who do you rely on?
- How self-aware are you regarding your dependent nature?

THE LAW & SELF-RELIANCE

- How are we broken in terms of reliance upon and honor for our Maker?
- How often do you worship God for making you so needy?

JESUS IS OUR REDEEMER

- What does it mean to be met at our worst with God’s best?
- What is your life like when you rely on your own strength, wisdom and power?
- What are you like when you rely on Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and direct you?

4. Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us

1. Praise the LORD, our God and Savior, that He is utterly trustworthy, *especially in His covenant of grace*. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is gracious to bless us in Christ when He could justly condemn us.
2. How have you lived as if God is unjust to curse us in our sin? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart to rely upon Him as you do no one or nothing else.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for his amazing love to bear the curse of our sin and offer us His righteousness by faith. Thank Him that He is willing to cleanse us by His death and transform us by the gift of His Holy Spirit.
4. Who do you know that is trying to secure meaning and salvation apart from God? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them see their need for His redeeming grace, and that they would turn eagerly to Jesus.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, goodness and faithfulness. Pray for His work to so secure you in Christ that you sense more and more just how blessed you are in Him, *both now and forever*.

5. Mission: Christians are Blessed, to Bless, more and more.

- Reflection: How or when did you experience God’s blessings last week?
- Anticipation: How or when will you experience God’s blessings this coming week?
- Participation: Who is in your life that would be encouraged by your blessings?
- Prayer – Pray blessings over those God puts on your heart.