

Text: Gen. 12:1-3; Matt. 5:13-16; Rom. 10:12-15
Topics: Will of God, Witness to the World
Series: A Vision for the Future

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Transforming Communities

I. God's Blessing Promised (Genesis 12:1-3)

God's promise to bless Abram is to result in blessing the whole world!

II. God's Blessing Portrayed (Matthew 5:13-16)

The lives of Christ's followers are to demonstrate His kingdom to the world!

III. God's Blessing Proclaimed (Romans 10:12-15)

The riches of God's salvation are to be extended by His people to the world!

God has always intended for His people to represent Him to the unbelieving world with transforming power.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. What person, excluding the Lord, has had the biggest influence on the way you live today? What did they do that influenced you so greatly?

2. Read John 17:13-18. On the eve of Jesus's crucifixion, what concerns about His disciples does He express in this prayer?

If Jesus were to pray to the Father for you right now, what do you think would be His concerns? Write it in prayer form.

3. What is the main idea Paul is trying to communicate in 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1?

How do we reconcile v. 17 with Jesus sending His followers into the world?

What are some of the challenges you've faced in trying to follow the concerns of Jesus' prayer in John 17, and the instructions of Paul here?

4. Read 1 Peter 2:11-17. Peter is addressing the conduct of his readers among whom? What is he urging them to do?

What purpose does he see it serving?

5. If Christians all fully live their lives like Christ wants, what would it look like?

Would it have a transforming effect on communities? Explain.

6. What is the main application of this study for you?