

Community Bible Church Sermon Discussion Questions: May 19, 2024 Pastor Ed, Marquise, Maurise, & Casey

Title: Remember THE Name **Text:** Numbers 6:22-27

Target: Where you find your identity will determine how you view your present reality.

Question #1: How does where you find your identity influence how you view your current circumstances? Can you share personal examples of this dynamic in your own life?

- I. <u>Desires Personal</u> Relationship with you: The LORD bless you and keep you; (Vs. 24)
 - A. Longs to Bless you: "bless"
 - B. Able to Keep You: "keep"

Question #2: How have you experienced God's blessings and protection in your life? Can you identify specific moments where you felt God's keeping power?

- II. <u>Declares Pleasure</u> over you: "The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you" (Vs. 25)
 - A. Full Attention on you: "His face to shine"
 - B. Unending Affection for you: "be gracious"

Question #3: How would you describe the feeling of having God's "face to shine upon you"? How does this imagery help you understand God's pleasure and attention towards you?

- III. <u>Delivers Prosperity</u> to you: "The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." (Vs. 26)
 - A. Set His Face toward you: "Lift up his countenance"
 - B. Puts Peace in you: "give you peace"

Question #4: How can we cultivate and maintain the peace that God gives us (Vs. 26) in our daily routines and interactions with others? How does our ability to maintain this peace correlate with our identity in Christ?

- IV. <u>Divine</u> <u>Presence</u> in you: "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." (Vs. 27)
 - A. Places His Name on you: "put my name upon"
 - B. Bestows Favor upon you: "I will bless them"

Takeaway: Be a fountain not a drain (Stephen Harrison)

Question #5: As we reflect on what it means to "be a fountain and not a drain," How can we practically apply this in our relationships, workplace, and community? What one step can we commit to implementing this week and what support/ accountability would you need to do this successfully?