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A SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. SERMON RECAP

In this message, I unpacked what it means to be intentionally positioned to receive God's commanded blessing -- not just hope for it, but actually step into it. I walked us through three key moves: seeking God's face first, standing against the enemy's deception, and getting the reality of God's commanded blessing deep inside us. The central truth is this: when God commands a blessing, it carries the same creative power as when he said "Let there be light" -- nothing can stop it, but we have to be in position to receive it.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

3. ICE BREAKER

Think of a time when being in the wrong position -- physically, geographically, or relationally -- caused you to miss something good. Maybe you were in the wrong seat, wrong place, wrong timing. What happened, and how did it resolve?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "Positioned" is a deliberate word.

I said in the sermon that the commanded blessing won't happen automatically -- you have to be positioned for it. What does being "out of position" actually look like in someone's everyday life? What are some honest signs that we might be a little sideways in our walk with God right now?

2. Seeking God vs. seeking His blessings.

I contrasted Abraham, who followed God's voice without knowing where it led, with Lot, who followed the money. It's easy to say we're seeking God when we're really just seeking what He can give us. How do you personally tell the difference in your own heart? What does genuine God-seeking actually feel like in

practice?

3. The rhema -- hearing God's personal word.

I talked about the difference between the Logos (the written Word) and the rhema -- what God speaks directly and personally to you. Has there been a time when you felt God gave you a specific, personal word that changed your direction? What made you recognize it as God's voice and not just your own thoughts?

4. Job 22:21 says, *"Acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you."*

"Acquainted" suggests a close, familiar relationship -- not a distant, occasional one. What are the biggest practical barriers that keep most believers from that level of closeness with God? Which of those barriers is most real for you personally right now?

5. David at Ziklag -- encouraging himself in the Lord.

I pointed to the moment in 1 Samuel 30 where David's men are weeping, his own people want to stone him, and everything is gone -- yet he strengthened himself in the Lord. What do you think that actually looked like for David in that moment? And what does it practically look like for us when we're in our own "Ziklag moments"?

6. Repentance and second chances.

I talked about how David, Paul, and Jacob were all deeply flawed men who still walked into God's blessing -- because they knew how to repent and keep coming back. Is there an area of your life where the enemy has been using past failures to convince you that you're disqualified from God's blessing? How does the grace shown to these biblical figures speak to that lie?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, set aside 15 uninterrupted minutes each morning to simply be with God -- no agenda, no prayer list, no podcast playing.

Open with this prayer: "God, make me hungry for You. I want to hear Your voice this week." Then sit quietly, read one psalm, and listen. At the end of the week, write down anything specific that came to your heart -- a verse that stood out, a conviction, an impression, a sense of direction. Bring your notes to your next group meeting and share what you noticed.

6. PRAYER POINTS

1. Hunger for God's presence -- Pray that each person in your group would move beyond showing up for blessing and begin genuinely desiring God Himself. Ask the Holy Spirit to create a real hunger that pulls them into consistent time with Him.

2. Breaking deception -- Pray specifically against the enemy's lies that tell people they are too far gone, too disqualified, or that God is the source of their hardship. Ask God to bring clarity, truth, and bold faith to replace those lies.

3. Practical positioning -- Pray for each group member by name, asking God to show them the one specific area of their life where they need to shift into better alignment with Him -- whether that's finances, family, health, or calling -- and that they would have the courage to act on what He shows them this week.

7. MEMORY VERSE

Psalms 115:12 (NKJV)

"The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us."

Leader's Note: These questions work best when you allow silence after asking them. Don't rush to fill the quiet -- often the most honest and meaningful answers come after a few seconds of reflection. Your job isn't to have the right answers; it's to create a safe space where real conversations happen.