



# WHO DOES GOD BLESS

## The One Who Feels Undeserving of God's Blessing

### MAIN THING

God Opposes the Proud But Gives Grace To The Humble

### SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 7:8-22, James 4:6, Philippians 4:11-13,

### ICEBREAKER

Are you someone who feels like they don't deserve anything? Why do you feel that way?

### OPENING THOUGHT

Pride. It's one of those things that have two camps. There's the camp that believes you should hold on to your pride. It's what makes you who you are, and no one can ever look down on you, and you have the right to whatever you feel you deserve. Then there's the other camp that believes we should be humble and not allow ourselves to be poisoned by pride. What does God say about pride?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Read James 4:6. What did Dave call Entitlement? Why would he call it that? Do you believe that God owes you? Why/why not? Do you feel like this is something people struggle with?
3. Read Philippians 4:11-13. Most of us have read the last verse in this scripture many times, but did you realize it was talking about contentment? Does this change the way you read it? How is this the accelerator of God's blessings? How would you define contentment? How does God define it?

### LIFE APPLICATION

We have so much in our lives that distracts us from God. God, however, wants us to empty ourselves to be ready for His blessings. When we allow ourselves to be constantly full, we remove the opportunity for God to fill the empty spaces with blessings that only come from Him. What are you filling your life, time and emotions with that are clogging up your life and not leaving those empty spaces? Simplify things a little, and you'll be surprised with how much God can bless.

### CHALLENGE

One of the last things that Dave said this past Sunday was that the person that God blesses immediately returns God's blessings in the form of praise. Can you, as a group, commit to attending the Night of Worship next week? What better way to return God's blessing than by filling the church building with worshippers thanking Him for the blessings He provides?