

August 8, 2021
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
Pastor Mike Gaston, guest speaker
Psalm 67

“Let the Nations Be Glad in Him”

Introduction

History of our involvement in missions through this church

The Big Idea: When it comes to God’s plan, it’s about us, but it’s about much MORE than us!

1. A familiar beginning – Psalm 67:1
 - a. The origin of these familiar phrases: The High Priestly Blessing (Num 6:24-26)

 - b. Question: Why only include half of the blessing?

2. An Unexpected Twist – Psalm 67:2-5
 - a. Two small but very important changes
 - i. From the third person (“Him”) to the second person (“You”)
 - ii. From a focus on us to a focus on the world

 - b. Other examples of this outward look in Scripture

3. A Powerful Summary – Psalm 67:6-7
 - a. “God, our God...”

 - b. “God shall bless us...” It is about us.

 - c. “Let all the ends of the earth fear Him.” It’s about much more than us.

Conclusion – 3 questions

How have things gone for God’s global plan since this Psalm was written?

What is OUR part, as a group, as a local church?

What is YOUR part?

Discussion and Application

1. What ideas or principles mentioned in the message most stood out to you, and why?

2. Read the High Priestly blessing in Numbers 6:24-26.

Which phrases in that blessing stand out to you, and why?

Mike compared the phrase “make His face to shine upon us” to the face of a mother smiling down at her newborn. Can you picture God smiling at you like that? What does it mean to you that He does? How would your life be different if He didn’t?

3. Verses 2-5 change from talking ABOUT God to talking TO God. Why do you think that transition is important? Which of those two tends to come more naturally to you?
4. Those same verses move from an INWARD look to an OUTWARD look. Why do you think we need to be pushed to make that transition?
5. Mike pointed out that the desire to see the nations rejoice in the knowledge of God is a theme throughout Scripture. Have you had any experience of ministry in another culture? What were the challenges and blessings of that experience?
6. Verse 6 mentions “God, OUR God...” What do you think needs to happen in order for someone to refer to Him as “My God.”
7. One of the closing questions was “What is YOUR part in God’s global plan for the nations.” Do you have an answer to that question? What would you LIKE your part to be?