



**Why Are We Here?**  
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Genesis 12:1-3

Erosion

84% of Americans believe in God  
80% of us believe that you don't have to go to church to be a good Christian

Most Americans don't see church as being relevant or especially necessary to what it means to be a spiritual person, or even a Christian.

**God's First Word...**

Genesis 1:28 NIV

- Living in a fruitful place
- Being able to multiply
- Ruling all of creation

Genesis 12:1-3 NIV

Galatians 3:8 NIV

The gospel announced in advanced...

It's the world being blessed through God's people...

**Blessed by God**

Genesis 12:1-3 NIV (again)

Blessed are the poor in spirit  
Blessed are those who mourn  
Blessed are the meek  
Blessed are those who hunger after righteousness  
Blessed are the merciful  
Blessed are the pure in heart  
Blessed are the peace makers  
Blessed are the persecuted for my sake  
Blessed are those who are insulted and lied about because of me

**Blessed to be a blessing...**

"All the families of the earth will be blessed through you"

John 3:16-17 Message: This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.

"If God so loved the world, why can't we?" - Leonard Sweet



No trespassing  
Please trespass

**Blessing by association...**  
**Blessing by example...**

The people are not the heroes of the story. God is the hero of the story.

**Blessing because of who we know...**

We are not here to be blessed. No, we are already blessed...So our mission is to bless the world.

We believe that we are a community of God's people. We won't look back, slow down, back away, or be still. Our past is redeemed, our present makes sense, and our future is secure. We are finished with low living, sight walking, small thinking, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talk and dwarfed goals. We have been blessed to be a blessing...