



1—Blessed With A Need

Using the DVD: If you want to mix up your group routine, use the accompanying DVD to pose a couple of introductory questions for discussion.* After the group has responded to the second question, launch into the small group study (below). Afterwards, resume the DVD to pose the third question and offer some concluding remarks.

Transition: When a lot of people speak of being “*blessed*,” often what they’re affirming is that they are self-sufficient in a particular area. For example, “I am financially blessed,” might be a statement about being financially self-sufficient. Can you think of some other examples?

This series will explore four ways in which God blesses us, but ways that aren’t always appreciated as blessings. The focus of this first lesson is that **God has blessed you with a need—a need for others.** As much as you might resist it, God created you to be dependent—on Him, and on other believers.

1. Have you grown toward a greater awareness of your need for other believers? If so, in what way?
2. Why do you think God designed us so that we would need each other? Brainstorm as many reasons as you can.
3. Jesus once said, “It is more blessed to give than receive” (Acts 20:35). To play off the adage, “It is also *easier* to give than to receive.” Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
4. Have you ever been blessed by your need for others? Share an example of how you’ve been blessed by your spiritual family or small group.
5. **Read Galatians 6:1-5.** How do you reconcile verse 5 with verse 2? How does this passage apply to your group, given your discussion up to this point? Spend the remainder of your time prayerfully considering your godly responsibility for one another, and practical ways in which you can put this passage into practice.

Take It Home: In what areas do you need to become more open and transparent with your small group? Take the risk and open up! Likewise, ask the Lord to show you any needs within spiritual family that He wants you to meet. [Optional: Consider those within your larger Care Group, and ways in which your small group could minister to them. **Galatians 6:9-10!**]

*If you aren’t using the DVD, the following questions are posed for discussion: (1) Ice-breaker: Share one of your life’s most embarrassing moments. (2) All of us face insecurities. Share one of your biggest insecurities. (3) What will you do to cultivate spiritual community at Southeastern?