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HE'S ALWAYS
BLESSING

INTRODUCTION

Pastor John finishes out our series *The Watchmaker* with a message about how God always blesses. A blessing from God is an act done by Him for His glory to be seen by us. As shown through the people in the Christmas stories in Matthew 1 and Luke 1, we may have to search to find the blessings and be obedient in order to pass on those blessings to others to glorify God and make His kingdom known.

DISCUSSION

1. Have each person take out a sheet a paper and write down a list of blessings they have received from God over the past year. Discuss your lists. How do they compare with the definition listed above? How many of these blessings have you passed on to others?
2. Share with the group one blessing from your past you did not recognize at the time. How did God reveal this blessing to you? How has this recognition affected your ministry to others?
3. As a group, make a list of blessings you can pass onto others - time, talent, passions, experiences, gifts, etc. Whom do you know in your community that would benefit from these blessings? Plan to pass them on!

THINK ABOUT IT

The word "blessing" can be used as a noun or verb. When we focus on our blessings as nouns - material possessions, health, good jobs or even healthy relationships, they become a *list* entitled "What God Has Done for Me." When we turn the word "blessing" into a verb, it becomes a *life* entitled "What God Wants to Do Through Me." Blessings always flow from a heart transformed by God's grace and molded into His image through obedience and faith in the One who came as a baby on Christmas day.

DO SOMETHING

1. This week, spend time in prayer seeking out the blessings God has poured out to you. Journal what God reveals to you during your prayer time.
2. As a group, make plans to bless others on a regular basis, either through an organization or relationships in your community.
3. Invite people in your circle to one of the Christmas Eve services next week. For times, go to prairielakeschurch.org and click *Christmas Eve*.

