



# FACE AND FAVOR Numbers 6:22-27

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## CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE!

This week is our church's anniversary! Before we dive into this week's study, let's take time to celebrate Mosaic's 6th Anniversary!

- 1) What are you most thankful about Mosaic?
- 2) Share a God-story in your life that involved Mosaic. Share your most fond memory of Mosaic!
- 3) What is your prayer and what do you commit to do/be for the future and growth of our Church?

## SCRIPTURE:

23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

**25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;**

26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

- Numbers 6:23-27 (ESV)

## STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. How did the people of Israel end up as slaves in Egypt? (read Exodus 1:1-11)
2. Pastor Jon shared how individual and community worldview is formed. What did you learn about how our outlook and way of life are shaped?
3. The people of Israel were slaves for 400 years. How do you think their experience of 40 generations of slavery formed their worldview?
4. When did Israel receive freedom from slavery? (Read Exodus 12:31-32) What was the event that led to Israel's freedom?
5. This week (April 9-16), Jews all over the world celebrate Passover, the anniversary of their freedom. How did Jesus celebrate Passover with his disciples and what is its significance to our freedom and salvation? Read Luke 22:13-21, 1 Corinthians 5:7-8.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Verse 25 says, *the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

1. In the Blessing, what does the face signify?
2. What does "be gracious" mean?
3. Why are the Lord's face (revelation) and favor (re-vision) significant in the way God changes our worldview and way of life?
4. What happens when we receive a greater revelation of God in our lives? Read 2 Corinthians 2:16-18.
5. To change Israel's mindset or worldview from slavery to freedom, God gave them a re-vision of their lives: a new identity (people of God), new guiding principles (the law and worship) and a new role (light to the nations). What are the equivalent of these three in our life as Christians? Read Ephesians 2:19-22, Hebrews 10:16 and 13:15 and Psalm 67:1-2.
6. A change of worldview is not about conformity, it is about transformation. Read Romans 12:1-2 and share how important the principles in these verses are to change our outlook and way of life.
7. Why does God want to change our worldview in the first place? How does a change of worldview help us live more free and fruitful?
8. Based on Psalm 67:1-2, what is the purpose of God's face and favor for His people? How are we experiencing this in our individual life?
9. Has anyone come to know God's love and salvation through your witness?
10. What is God teaching you about His face and favor in this season of pandemic?
11. What do you commit to do for Christ and His church in a post-COVID-19 world?

## PRAYER TIME.