

Psalm 67: Blessed to be a Blessing

Introduction:

- A. *Psalm 67* is a great example of **how to pray** in light of our congregational goals for 2012.
- B. We could summarize the link between *Psalm 67:1-2* - _____ **to be a** _____.

I. Good News Rooted in the Promises of God

- A. God's promise to Abraham: "*I will bless you... so that you will be a blessing*" (*Gen 12:2-3*).

- B. God's fulfillment: "*in Christ... the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles*" (*Gal 3:10-14*).

II. *Psalm 67* in the 21st Century

- A. God's continuing purpose for the world could be summarized using this ancient song.
- B. God desires to be:
 - 1. _____ (*67:2*) — "*that your way may be known on earth.*"

 - 2. _____ (*67:3,5*) — "*let the peoples praise you, O God.*"

 - 3. _____ (*67:4*) — "*let the nations be glad and sing for joy.*"

 - 4. _____ (*67:7*) — "*let all the ends of the earth fear him.*"
- C. God aims to be known as:
 - 1. the one and only true and living _____ (*67:3*) — "*let all the peoples praise you!*"

 - 2. a God of _____ (*67:4*) — "*you judge the peoples with equity.*"

 - 3. _____ (*67:4*) — "*you... guide the nations upon earth.*"

 - 4. _____ (*67:1*) — "*May God be gracious to us and bless us.*"
- D. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the climax of the good news of God's grace (*Titus 2:11; Acts 20:24*).
- E. **The POINT:** we are blessed as the people of God that we might be a blessing to others (*67:1-2*).