## 5 May 2024

# Maximise your blessings Luke 24:50-53

<sup>50</sup>When Jesus had led them out as far as Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

<sup>51</sup>While He was blessing them, He left them and was carried up into Heaven.

<sup>52</sup>And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>praising God continually in the temple. What Jesus ..... blesses me.

My blessings flow from where ...... He has gone into Heaven... 1 Peter 3:22 He sat down at... Hebrews 1:3

> All things were... Colossians 1:16-17 Elements dissolved... 2 Peter 3:10

I go to... John 14:3 No eye has seen... 1 Corinthians 2:9

My blessing from where ..... God raised us up... Ephesians 2:5-6 ...in Jesus' name. Amen.

## What I do blesses . . . . . . . . .

My blessings are in relationship with ..... Seek first the Kingdom... Matthew 6:33

My blessings are in relationship with ..... The fruit... Galatians 5:22-23, Hebrews 13:15

My blessings are in relationship with ..... Do not neglect... Hebrews 10:25

#### My prayer priorities this week

- S 5 Robert & Dianne
- M 6 Bunnings contacts. Hour of Power, 7pm
- T 7 Lurline & Terry
- W 8 Rosalie & Jim D. Deeper at Diggers, 11am
- T 9 Ian & Eleanor
- F 10 Mary F
- S 11 Jean H
- S 12 Myanmar orphans & students. Mothers Day

### Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. When people say they have been "blessed" what do they mean; and what is the source of these blessings?
- 2. Why do you think Jesus made His final words a blessing rather than a command?
- 3. What is the significance of Jesus continuing to bless His people as He ascended into Heaven?
- 4. List some potential problems of seeing the Kingdom of God like the British monarchy, with the monarch as a nominal ruler, far away, but the real power divested to the people. Suggest a better way of seeing the Kingdom of God.
- In what ways is it important that Jesus is King of Glory right now, (Ephesians 1:20-21) rather than waiting for Him to become King after the Second Coming?
- 6. List some benefits to us now that Jesus is in Heaven.

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