

# Through The Bible in One Year

## The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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**Theme: Selected to Share the Blessing**  
**Week 2 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson**

### Open (Sharing our Own Stories & Getting To Know One Another)

1. What was your favorite Christmas gift? Who gave it to you and how did you respond?
2. Share a time that you gave a significant gift (blessing) to someone. What was it, and how did they respond?
3. Who has been most influential in your life in teaching you the importance of giving? How did they teach this lesson to you?

### Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

**Read aloud Genesis 28:10-22; Psalm 12:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:10**

**Genesis:** 1. God spoke to Jacob in a dream; how does God speak to you? Give a specific example. If you feel that God is not speaking to you, what might be the reason? 2. God visibly blessed Jacob; how is God blessing you? 3. What is Jacob's response to his blessing? How do you respond to God's blessings?

**Psalm:** 1. What kind of ungodly behaviors does the Psalmist speak about that we see in ourselves and others today? 2. How do these behaviors hurt the weak and the needy? 3. What kind of blessing does God extend to those in need?

**Matthew:** 1. What three activities was Jesus primarily involved with that his church needs to carry on today? Why is he interested in these things? 2. What do we need to take with us as we go out into the harvest field? Why these things? 3. What do Jesus' words, "Freely you have received, freely give" mean in your life?

### Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. How freely are God's blessings flowing to you right now? \_\_\_overflowing \_\_\_flowing fairly well \_\_\_small outpouring \_\_\_barely trickling
2. What kinds of thinking and behaviors does God reward by increasing His blessings?

### Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

What is one thing you can do this week to share God's blessing with others?

