

For the week of June 21, 2020

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# Transformed To Be A Blessing

*Third week in the series: One Kingdom Indivisible*

**Various Passages**

In our third week of the collaborative preaching series on the kingdom of God, we look at the season of the exile. At the exodus, God gave his people a new identity as his people. But when he sent them into exile, his goal was to transform their character to match that identity. Instead of focusing on their rights, they were told to bless the city, even the nation which conquered their own. How can we take their story as our own and seek to bless the world around us?

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. When have you seen Christians standing against the government?
2. When have you seen Christians partnering with the government?
3. What are some helpful guidelines to know which situation calls for which response?
4. Do you agree that blessing someone doesn't necessarily condone their life choices?
5. How do you think Daniel navigated the tension of serving a foreign king like Nebuchadnezzar?
6. How can we serve our government even when we aren't aligned with its policies?