## Introduction to the Prayer of Jabez

I. The Preview of the Jabez Territory
A. The Description of the Jabez Territory
1. "Territory" means an area of
2. "Border" means the dividing line that
3. "Enlarge" means to abundantly
B. The Distinctives of the Jabez Territory
1. The Territory is not focused on property but
2. The Territory is not focused on money but
3. The Territory is not self-initiated but
4. The Territory is not focused on comfort but
5. The Territory is not limited but
II. The Pitfalls of the Jabez Territory
Misconception #1: God is responsible for the results, not me! The Lord will hold you accountable for your life's
Misconception #2: God is interested in spiritual things, not numbers! The Lord desires your life to have both quality and
Misconception #3: If I'm doing God's will, I won't be afraid! The Lord will be with you even when you face
III. The Principles of the Jabez Territory
A. God will enlarge your territory, but you must break through your
B. God will enlarge your territory, but you must overcome your
C. God will enlarge your territory, but you must struggle to

## Interact with Jabez

1 Take a piece of paper and draw a circle representing your current territory. Inside of those "borders" write the what and who God may include in your territory.

- 2 Many people are afraid to pray the Jabez prayer because of fear that God may answer it and enlarge their territory! What fears would cause them to feel that way, and how could they be defeated?
- 3 Have you ever experienced God enlarging your territory even before you started praying the Jabez prayer? What happened?

4 When you think about your life, what areas do you think have been the most productive for the Lord? How could you maximize them even further?

Close your eyes and picture the "border bullies" standing at the edges of your "comfort zone." Who are they and how could you conquer them?