

The BLESSing of Evangelism

Genesis 12:1-3 | Message Reflection Guide

There is a grace that comes to anyone who uses the B.L.E.S.S. practices. That grace takes the pressure off you to “save” somebody because we recognize that only God can save. The practices are also a relational process that slowly guides us in doing our part to simply love our neighbors and, overtime, introduce them to the love of God. At the same time, there is a real urgency in sharing the good news of Jesus with our neighbors and friends. 2 Corinthians 6:2 says, “now is the day of salvation.” 1 Peter 3:9 reminds us that God doesn’t want “anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance.” Relax in the grace knowing that God alone can save but seek where God is working with an urgency that eternities depend on.

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Conversation Starter

What has been your experience with sharing your faith? What kind of evangelism training have you received from the Church?

Getting Into the Scriptures

Read Genesis 12:1-3 and Matthew 29:19-20

Pastor Brandon said, “**God’s plan for loving your neighbor audaciously and changing the world is through B.L.E.S.S.ing.**” How are God’s promises to Abraham and Jesus’s Great Commission connected?

B: Begin with prayer. Prayer is a conversation in which we talk to God and He talks to us. Have you ever felt a prompting from God to reach out to someone? How did you respond? What was the result?

L: Listen. When was the last time you truly felt listened to, known, and loved? What was so special about that experience?

E: Eat. What about sharing a meal with someone seems to deepen a friendship so quickly?

S: Serve. Rhetorically ask how your neighbor is doing relationally, physically, mentally and spiritually. How can these questions help you serve your neighbor?

S: Share. If your neighbor were to ask you, “How did you come to know the love of God in Jesus?” how would you respond?

Making It Real

The BLESS list is meant to be a guide to help us love our neighbor. Which area of the BLESS list will you choose and how will you put it into practice in your life this week?