

BLESS - Part 1

“How Blessing Others Blesses Us”

Genesis 12:1-3; Romans 4:16-17; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20

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The key to sharing our faith in a way that’s natural, relational, and more effective is found in a the word _____.

“When Jesus called his disciples, he told them what he wanted to make them to be. He didn’t say, I want to make you to be more disciplined. He didn’t say I want to make you more religious. He didn’t say, I want to make you more theologically astute so you can answer any questions about the mysteries of the universe. He said...I want to make you to be something very special and very specific. I want to make you fishers of men.”

...To follow is to fish.” (Andy Stanley)

The 5 BLESS Missional Practices:

- **B**egin with _____.
- **L**isten with care.
- **E**at together (share your life).
- **S**erve in love.
- **S**hare your _____.

How Blessing Others Blesses Us

1. When we BLESS others, we live with a compelling _____.

“Those who have a ‘why’ to live, can bear with almost any ‘how’.” (Victor Frankl)

“I choose to identify with the underprivileged, I choose to give my life for the hungry, I choose to give my life for those who have been left out of the sunlight of opportunity . . . this is the way I'm going. If it means suffering, I'm going that way. If it means dying for them, I'm going that way, because I heard a voice saying ‘do something for others.’” (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

2. When we BLESS others, it increases our _____. (Acts 20:33; Luke 6:38)

3. When we BLESS others, new relationships will be _____.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Why is sharing your faith with others something you find easy or hard to do?
3. Read Genesis 12:1-3. How are Jesus and the church God’s strategy to bless the world?
4. Of the five BLESS missional practices, which do you find hardest and easiest to do?
5. If you feel comfortable, share with your group a time when you were actively sharing your faith with someone in your life, and share the way it blessed you during that time.