



Loving Our Neighbors the Way Jesus Did
The B.L.E.S.S. Series
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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

MAIN THEME

If we're honest, sharing our faith can feel intimidating. We know it matters. We know people need Jesus. But many of us don't know where to start—or we feel like we don't measure up.

BLESS gives us a simple, biblical, and practical way to live on mission every day. It's not about pressure. It's not about having all the answers. It's about joining God in what he is already doing in the lives of people around us.

B — Begin With Prayer (Luke 6:12–13; Matthew 9:36–38)

Mission always starts in prayer, not pressure. When you begin praying for people by name, God changes your heart before he changes their life.

L — Listen With Love (John 4:4–26)

People don't need to be fixed first—they need to be heard. Listening builds trust, and trust opens doors for truth.

E — Eat and Build Relationships (Luke 19:1–10)

Jesus used ordinary meals to create extraordinary transformation. Hospitality is not extra—it's essential.

S — Serve with Practical Love (John 13:1–17)

The gospel becomes visible when love becomes tangible. Small acts of service often open big spiritual conversations.



S — Share Your Story (John 9:1–38)

You don't need all the answers. You just need your story. God uses your life as a bridge to reach others.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Why Sharing Your Faith Matters

- Why do you think many Christians hesitate to share their faith?
- How does the Great Commission shape the way you view your everyday life?
- Where has God already placed you to make an impact?
- What would it look like for you to take one step toward someone this week?

2. Begin With Prayer

- Who are 3–5 people God has placed on your heart?
- How might praying for them daily change your perspective?
- Why does prayer remove pressure from evangelism?
- What would it look like to become more intentional in prayer?

3. Listen With Love

- Are you more quick to speak or to listen? Why?
- How did Jesus model listening in John 4?
- What keeps you from slowing down and truly hearing people?
- Who in your life needs someone to simply listen?

4. Build Relationships Intentionally

- How can meals or shared time create deeper connections?
- Why do relationships matter in gospel conversations?
- What is one simple way you could show hospitality this week?
- Who could you invite into your life more intentionally?

5. Live It Out Through Service and Story

- How can serving open doors for spiritual conversations?
- What is one practical way you could serve someone this week?
- How would you briefly share your story of what Jesus has done in your life?
- What step can you take to be more bold in pointing people to Christ?

PRAY

Dear Lord, thank you for inviting us into your mission. You have not called us to sit on the sidelines—you have called us to be part of what you are doing in the world. Forgive us for the times we have stayed silent or held back out of fear. Help us to see people the way you see them. Give us hearts that pray, ears that listen, hands that serve, and mouths that speak with grace and truth. Use our lives—ordinary as they may feel—to make an eternal



difference. Help us go ALL IN on loving our neighbors and making you known. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DIG DEEPER

For further study this week:

- 1 Corinthians 1:18
- Mark 8:38
- 1 Peter 4:16
- 2 Thessalonians 2:14

NEXT WEEK'S BIG IDEA

Why sharing the gospel matters

