

**Start:**

Begin the group with prayer

Care for any personal prayer requests

**Warm-up:**

How many times did someone share about Jesus with you or invite you to church before you committed your life to Jesus? (Ask each person to share)

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

1. How do you personally understand verse 17?
2. What does it mean to be reconciled to God? How does it happen?
3. Have you considered that God gave you a ministry of reconciliation?  
Vs 17-18
4. What does an ambassador do? Are they on their own behalf? Whose word and authority does an ambassador serve under?
5. How does it make you feel to be chosen to bring the blessing of the good news of Jesus to the people in your life?

Bless Practices

B. Begin with prayer

L. Listen well

E. Eat together

S. Serve

S. Share God's story

Can you think of five people in your life that God wants you to practice BLESS with?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

The first three parts of BLESS are Begin with prayer, Listen well, Eat together. Which one is the most difficult one for you?

**Begin** with payer. We pray for God's blessing on them. We pray for The Holy Spirit to work in their hearts. We pray for The Holy Spirit to lead us and prompt us.

**Listen.** We stop and spend focused time with them. This may be just a few minutes at the mailbox or lunchroom. We ask caring questions, then follow up on what we talked about last time.

**Eat.** Invite them to eat with you, have them come to your home, bring them food to share, or take them out. Eating together is a high form of fellowship and creates a bond that breaks down relational walls. Think casual, not complicated. It's about the company, not the culinary competency.

Mentally be ready to always have an open seat at the table

This is a time to show compassion.

**Commit:**

As group will you commit to encouraging each other weekly in practicing BLESS with the people on your lists? Will you commit to joining in prayer for them? Will you commit to giving updates and making it a thing of joy to BLESS people and not a thing of pressure or guilt?