



Love Your Neighbor

“Service”

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INTRODUCTION

When you’ve been transformed by God’s love, you can’t help but want to love others—and help them experience the same grace and freedom. But how do we share our faith without scaring them away or offending them? For most Christians, “evangelism” is an intimidating word that connotes pressure to “convert.” But what if there were a more organic, authentic way to share our faith and love our neighbors, friends, and coworkers? BLESSing others is the way, and it’s been God’s plan from the beginning. The B.L.E.S.S. practices are some of the most practical—and powerful—ways to love someone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What would you say is the greatest change or “paradigm shift” of your lifetime?
2. Why do we resist serving people, even those we care about the most?
3. **Read John 13:1-17.** Why did Jesus choose to wash His disciples’ feet the night before His crucifixion? How would you have felt if you had been there?
4. In this story, Jesus personifies a powerful paradigm shift—by leveraging His power, authority, and influence to SERVE. In so doing, He figuratively “takes off His crown, and puts on an apron.” Then He says, “do as I have done for you.” Answer application question #1 from the message: “What ‘crown’ do you need to put down?”...in order to serve people around you? (*ie. Your time? Convenience? Pride? Your busy schedule? Your kids’ busy schedule? etc.)
5. Who do you think God wants you to serve this week? How can you serve them relationally, physically, emotionally and/or spiritually?
6. Is it easy or challenging to let other people serve you? Why? Will you choose to let others serve you? What might result from this intentional decision?

PRAYER: Spend some time sharing prayer requests, and pray for one another.

Specifically, pray for opportunities to serve and love your neighbors at home, work and school. Pray that God will continue to work through you, your group, and our church to be FOR our neighbors, LOVE them, and BLESS them in the name of Jesus.