



Love Your Neighbor

“Story”

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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 is your favorite story of all time? It could be a book, movie or bedtime story from when you were a child.
2. When did you first come to understand the meaning of John 3:16? “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” How would you convey the meaning and impact of these words if someone were to ask you about them?
3. Which of the 4 “Reluctant Reasons” for sharing your story do you relate to the most? (1. “I don’t have what it takes.” 2. “I don’t want to impose my beliefs on other people.” 3. “I doubt God could use my story.” 4. “It makes me feel uncomfortable.”)
4. **Read John 9:1-11.** How would you have felt if you were the man blind since birth, and suddenly you could see? How would you explain what happened?
5. What is your reaction to the simplicity of his story, “I was blind, but now I see” (John 9:25)?
6. If you were casually asked, how would you answer the following questions about your story:
 - a. What was your life like before you met Jesus?
 - b. How did you meet Jesus?
 - c. What has changed in your life since you met Jesus?
7. Who might you have the opportunity to share your story with in the near future?

PRAYER: Share prayer requests, pray for one another, and pray that you all would actually take the time to write out your story, and have a chance to share it with someone you know in the near future.