



**BLESS** is a new way of thinking about loving our neighbors. **BLESS** is an acronym for five missional practices that help us introduce people to Jesus. We often engage with these practices every day with our friends and family. By vectoring these practices outward to include people who may be far from God, we can help bring people to new life in Christ.

## **Week Two: Begin With Prayer**

### **Discussion Questions:**

The following are based on the “My Application” Questions found in the bulletin this week. *(Urge your group to attend worship—or watch the sermon online—and to spend time considering and answering the questions prior to group. This produces a great discussion.)*

- Why is prayer so important to **BLESS** people?
- How have you been encouraged by people praying for you?
- Make a **FRANC** list of **F**riends, **R**elatives, **A**cquaintances, **N**eighbors and **C**o-workers who are far from God. Include as many people as you can.

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- Begin to pray for these people and share with others how you see God working.

### Prayer Time

- Share about one person on your **FRANC** list why you desire to pray for this person.
- Have each person pray (if they're comfortable) for that person on their **FRANC** list during your group prayer time.

### Application

How will you do these two simple things this week?

- 1) Pray for the people on your **FRANC** list this week.
- 2) Share with others how you see God working as a result.

### What is BLESS?

Here is an overview of the five **BLESS** missional practices:

1. **B**egin with Prayer. Jesus and others have blessed you through prayer. Bless others who don't know Jesus yet through prayer.
2. **L**isten with Care. Jesus and others have listened to you and heard you. Bless others far from God by listening and hearing them.
3. **E**at Together. Jesus and others have accepted you and "invited you to their table." Accept and invite others who don't know Jesus yet to your table.

4. **S**erve with Love. Jesus and others have served you in ways that changed you. Serve others far from God in ways that can change them. Allow them to serve you, too.
5. **S**hare Your Story and God's Story. Jesus and others have shared their story with you in a way that changed you. Share your story and God's story with others far from God.

### **Scripture Memory**

*"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved."*

*Romans 10:1*