



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 Four: Serve & Share

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.)

- What do you hope to be remembered for at the end of your life?
- What roadblocks get in the way of having a servant mentality like Jesus? Share an example.
- Read John 13:17. How have you personally been blessed by serving others?
- Read Colossians 4:3-4. Paul challenges believers to proclaim the mystery of Christ clearly. Describe what that looks like.
- Read Colossians 4:5-6. What does that look like? Share how you might fall short.

Application

- Continue to pray through your FRANCO list this week.
- Ask God to open doors for the gospel to be shared.
- Share with one person on your FRANCO list some way God has worked in your life.

Prayer Time

- Spend some time praying for each other to build relationships with people on your FRANCO lists and to BLESS people far from God.
- Have each person pray (if they're comfortable) for one person on their FRANCO list. Encourage people to keep their prayers short so each one will have the opportunity to pray.

Scripture Memory

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”

Colossians 4:5

Resources for Sharing Your Story and God’s Story

Personal Testimonies – Sharing Your Story

[Simple Three Word Testimony](#)

[Three Word Testimony Worksheet](#)

[Sharing Your Story](#) (modeled after Paul in Acts 26)

Gospel Presentations – Sharing God’s Story

[The Bridge Illustration](#)

[The Three Circles Illustration](#)

[Bad News, Good News](#)

[Four Spiritual Laws](#) (in many different languages)

Christian Apologetics – Support for the Christian Faith

[Explore God Website](#)

[Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry](#)

[Reasons to Believe Website](#)

See the next page for an overview of BLESS and a copy of the FRANC List.



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BLESS Overview

Here is an overview of the five BLESS missional practices:

1. **Begin with Prayer.** Jesus and others have blessed you through prayer. Bless others who don't know Jesus yet through prayer.
2. **Listen with Care.** Jesus and others have listened to you and heard you. Bless others far from God by listening and hearing them.
3. **Eat 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. **Serve 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. **Share 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.

FRANC prayer list: Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors and Co-workers who far from God.

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