

SMALL GROUP WEEKLY VIDEO: HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/592879083/810D93898D

MAIN IDEA

God's plan to change the world includes you learning B.L.E.S.S. your neighbors in practical ways.

STARTER

How long have you lived in your neighborhood and why did you decide to move there?

DISCUSS

What opportunities and barriers do you have to love your neighbors where you live, learn, work, and play? Where is it most natural and most difficult for you to love people around you?

READ

Have someone in your group read the Scripture that goes with each of the 5 practices to B.L.E.S.S. your neighbor and discuss:

- B: Begin with prayer (Mark 1:35) [praying for people around you]
- L: Listen (<u>Proverbs 18:3</u>) [asking good questions]
- E. Eat (Matthew 9:9-13) [eating with people who are not yet Christians]
- S. Serve (Mark 10:43-45) [serving others]
- S. Story (<u>I Peter 3:15-6</u>) [sharing your story and the Gospel]
- Which of these five practices are you strongest and weakest in?
- What is a truth from these Scriptures that most challenges you?
- Have everyone share an action step they could take this week to actively be more of a blessing to your neighbors?

APPLY

Follow up on last week's discussion as a group and make plans to host a social to help your group connect with others and welcome them into your group during social week (September 5-12). Have everyone share how it went reaching out to the person God put on their heart? If it didn't go well (or you forgot), take another step this week!

Have everyone in your group commit to "Begin with Prayer" by <u>signing up to pray</u> for your family, friends, and neighbors on your street once a week. Spend time praying for each other and for everyone in your group to grow in being a blessing to others.