



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 Three: Listen and Eat

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.)*

- Read Luke 18:35-43. Why is Jesus’ question so surprising in this encounter? Would your friends and family consider you a good listener?
- Who on your **FRANC** list do you need to listen to? What are some questions you could ask? Remember to listen for places God is at work.
- Read Matthew 9:9-13. Why did Jesus choose to be with people who were obviously immoral? Do you have regular contact with people like these?

- Who on your **FRANC** list can you share a meal with that needs Jesus? How would you do this in your own way?

Application

How will you do these two simple things this week?

- Make a simple plan to meet with someone you've identified above. Get into conversation, ask questions, and listen to them.
- Make a simple plan to meet with someone you've identified above for a meal or coffee. You could invite them to your home or meet them for dinner or coffee.
- Plan to share how God worked through this with your small group at the next meeting.

Prayer Time

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

Scripture Memory

"On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

Matthew 9:12-13

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



BLESS Overview

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.

FRANC prayer list: **F**riends, **R**elatives, **A**cquaintances, **N**eighbors and **C**o-workers who far from God.

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