

Compass Life Group Resources
Bible Story Study
Changemakers – Week 2 - BLESS

Icebreaker: Who do you look like (mom, dad, twin brother)?

Do you have a personal mission statement? If not, what might people say your mission statement is, based on how you live?

If God had a mission statement what would it be?

What is our mission statement at Compass Christian Church?

Answer: Our mission is to lead people to find and follow Jesus.

We saw God's heart to "seek and save the lost" last week in Luke 15, but His extravagant love is evident much earlier than that in the bible. It starts in the very beginning.

Read Genesis 1:27 – We are made in God's image. What does that mean? Discuss. We should look like Him, act like Him (Jesus), live in relationship with Him, be His ambassador/representative.

Then in Genesis 12 we learn about Abram who was called by God to walk in faith. Read Genesis 12:1-3 – Abram (whom God later re-named Abraham) was blessed to be a blessing and we too are among the blessed because of that same promise from God (Galatians 3:14). We too are blessed to be a blessing!

Someone once said, "Preach the Gospel and when necessary use words." What do you think this means? Our message this week explains it this way, "Our lives are a living, breathing mission statement."

People should see Jesus in us. They should see His love through us. In what ways are you showing His love to those around you? What keeps people from seeing Jesus in you?

Last week we learned what Jesus' mission statement was, "For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Did Jesus also give us a mission statement as disciples? – Yes! Read Matthew 28:19-20

One of the ways that we strive to do this at Compass is through the BLESS practices.

Begin with prayer - We should always begin by praying. Bathe every idea, every plan, every intention with prayer first. Can you think of a time when you did this and God blessed your plans?

Listen – If we are listening with Jesus' ears then the simple act of listening becomes an act of love. Listening is caring. Listening provides valuable information (how to help, what they need, where they are at spiritually). Can you think of a time when your failure to listen caused harm?

Eat – Sharing a meal with someone is an opportunity to build an authentic relationship. Sharing food that was made with love, sharing our lives, sharing our cares, hopes and dreams, interests and experiences, this is how we build common ground with people. This is what Jesus did and how He loved. Share a memory of a meal with friends or family that was meaningful to you. What made that meal meaningful to you?

Serve – Serving people, with the love of Christ, is a demonstration of God's love for them and our love for them. It's possible to serve without love of course. The Apostle Paul warned the church in Corinth about this (1 Cor. 13:3). When we serve others we often are blessed as much as those whom we are blessing. Share a time when you were blessed by those that you were serving.

Share – The ultimate act of love is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with someone. By sharing our story of how God saved us and how different our lives are in Christ now, we are showing people the hope and joy that we have and that they can have too. You don't have to be a bible scholar to share your testimony. Nobody can argue with you about your own personal story. Have you ever shared your story, your testimony about Jesus Christ with anyone? If so, describe your experience. If not, what is holding you back?

Spend some time in prayer as a group – for opportunities to use these BLESS practices, for courage and help through the power of the Holy Spirit when an opportunity presents itself.