

5 Simple ways to BLESS

2. Listen and Eat

June 24-25, 2017

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Recapping your week:

1. What did you do this past week to put into practice the action step from last week?

Opening Question: Think back to a time when someone listened to you well or blessed you in some unexpected way. What was that experience like and how did it make you feel?

Read Matthew 9:9-13 aloud together. *Take some time to pray for the discussion time.*

Break into groups of 3 and answer the following questions (Some questions are taken from the BLESS pocket guide):

1. What stuck out to you the most about these verses and why?
2. What do we learn about God and people from this passage?
3. Why is it important to practice listening before connecting with people in a spiritual conversation?
4. What are some things you could be listening for as you interact with people far from God?
5. Who can you eat or have coffee with that is far from God? What are some ways you could incorporate that into your daily life?
6. How can we pray for that interaction this week?

Closing Question: What is one challenge you are facing and how can our group pray for you?

Activity and Prayer: Take some time to think about this question from page 13 of the BLESS booklet.

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