

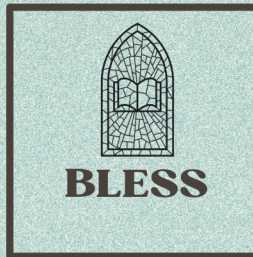
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B.E.L.L.S 'BLESS'
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Foundation Verse

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."



FRAME Questions:

1. **What does the Bible say about Blessing**
2. **How did Jesus Bless?**
3. **How can we create "A Culture of Blessing?"**

OPENING IMAGE

Hand me a handkerchief! Have you ever wondered why we traditionally say 'Bless you' When someone Sneezes? Historically, sneezes were thought to be an omen or warning from the gods. Pope Gregory the Great believed that a sneeze was an early warning sign of plague, so he commanded Christians to respond to a sneeze with a blessing," In ancient times, people believed that sneezing would allow evil spirits to enter your body and saying "God bless you" kept out those evil spirits.

Question #1

"What do you think it might mean to create a culture of blessing?"



What Does the Bible Say About Blessing?

Bless is a word used in the Bible 482 times
The Hebrew Old Testament word for Bless is
"barakh"

The first time "Bless" is used in Scripture is in reference to God speaking a blessing over His newly created fish and birds

Gen 1:22 "God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.'"

The second time is a blessing over humanity in the Garden of Eden

Gen 1:28 "God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'"
God was speaking favor and goodness into his newly created humans

How did Jesus Bless?

Read from an example of Jesus' life
John 13:1-17





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Question #1

Identify at least three different ways Jesus blesses his disciples in the passage.

How Can We Create "A Culture of Blessing?"

Words of Affirmation



Acts of Kindness



Giving Gifts



Question #2

Share some ideas with your friend about who will you bless this week and how

CHALLENGE

Your mission this week should you choose to accept it.

Bless three people this week, at least one of whom is not a member of our church.



Remember, the key to a successful blessing is that the recipient must feel blessed. Frost puts it this way, "blessers must become students of those they bless. To bless them appropriately, we must become attentive to our neighbors' needs, fears, hopes, and yearnings.

Often, Christians can view their actions for others as "blessings" when, in reality, they are harmful. We can be at risk of assuming what people need from us rather than being learners, good question-askers, and empowering others. In overseas missions, for example, the most effective evangelism methods are sensitivity and understanding of the local language, customs, and cultures; it's crucial to learn about the people and families--their unique needs, their unique strengths, and weaknesses, their areas of health and areas of brokenness in the community. You want to do life with folks in a relationship rather than just barging in, loudly declaring the gospel, causing damage, and moving on to the next place.



Resource:

Surprise the World, 5 Habits of Missional People by Michael Frost

