**Series OVERVIEW**

The majority of us who have been impacted by God’s love and the life of Jesus are looking for a way to share this good news with our neighbors coworkers, family, and friends.

This 6-week series will mobilize our people to carry out the Jesus Mission by living out the B.L.E.S.S. practices. During this series, we’ll challenge one another to identify 3-5 people God is calling us to bless, and challenge one another to invite those people to “Invite a Friend Day” on September 15.

**WEEK 1 | AUG 4, 2019 | THE JESUS MISSION**

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10, 2 Corinthians 5:15-21 NIrV, Genesis 12:1-3

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA**
Jesus’ mission is to help people find their way back to God, and he lived out the B.L.E.S.S. practices showing us how to live that mission too.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything,I will pay back four times the amount.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” -Luke 19:1-10

15 Christ died for everyone. He died so that those who live should not live for themselves anymore. They should live for Christ. He died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we don’t look at anyone the way the world does. At one time we looked at Christ in that way. But we don’t anymore. 17 When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here! 18 All this is from God. He brought us back to himself through Christ’s death on the cross. And he has given us the task of bringing others back to him through Christ. 19 God was bringing the world back to himself through Christ. He did not hold people’s sins against them. God has trusted us with the message that people may be brought back to him. 20 So we are Christ’s official messengers. It is as if God were making his appeal through us. Here is what Christ wants us to beg you to do. Come back to God! 21 Christ didn’t have any sin. But God made him become sin for us. So we can be made right with God because of what Christ has done for us. -2 Corinthians 5:15-21 NIrV

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. 2 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” -Genesis 12:1-3

**MESSAGE DESCRIPTION**

Jesus’ mission is to help people find their way back to God. When he walked on this earth, he demonstrated what it looks like to live out that mission. His encounter with Zacchaeus is just one example (Luke 19:1-10).

Jesus was just “passing through” Jericho. Spending time with Zacchaeus wasn’t something he planned weeks in advance and had in his day-planner. It came about because Jesus had practices that were part of his normal daily rhythms. The opportunity to engage with Zacchaeus just presented itself as Jesus was living his life. And the result? Zacchaeus found his way back to God.

Over the next 5 weeks, we’re going to learn how we can imitate Jesus and carry his mission forward by engaging in the same practices Jesus lived out. We call them the B.L.E.S.S. practices.

B - Begin with Prayer

L - Listen

E - Eat

S - Serve

S - Share your Story

From the very beginning, God’s plan for changing the world has been through a “blessing strategy.” In Genesis, chapter 12, God says to Abraham: I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing…and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. (Genesis 12:2-3) God blessed Abraham, but the point of that blessing for Abraham and all of us who have followed after him is to be a blessing! We are blessed to be a blessing.

At the end of his encounter with Zacchaeus, Jesus declares his purpose: ““The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.” (Luke 19:1-10) This is another way of saying, “I have come to help people find their way back to God.”

As his followers, this is the mission we, too, are called to. God has “given us the task of bringing others back to him through Christ.” (2 Corinthians 5:18)

Over the course of these next 6 weeks, we want to challenge one another to identify the 3-5 people in our daily life that God is calling us to B.L.E.S.S. The takeaway from this first week is for everyone to identify his/her 3-5 people.

Resource: Previous message hpftwbtG Week 1 which explains “The Mission.”

https://my.vergenetwork.org/ebook-how-to-b-l-e-s-s-your-neighbors-dave-ferguson/

https://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2016/april/bless-missional-practices-as-sideways-step-into-evangelism.html

http://evergreencovenant.org/b-l-e-s-s/

**WEEK 2 | AUG 11, 2019 | BEGIN WITH PRAYER**

Scripture: Luke 6:12-16, Luke 11:1-10

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA**

In order to BLESS our neighbor, Jesus invites us to begin with prayer.

12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: 14 Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, 15 Matthew,Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, 16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. -Luke 6:12-16

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” 2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: “‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.” 5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. -Luke 11:1-10

**MESSAGE DESCRIPTION**

When Jesus was determining in whom he would invest his life, what did he do? He began with prayer: “...he went out to the mountains to pray, and he continued all night in prayer to God. When it came day, he called his disciples…” (Luke 6:12-13). Blessing our neighbors always begins with prayer.

Prayer is mysterious. It’s hard to comprehend how it works or why it matters, but at the end of the day Jesus both models it and exhorts us to practice it (Luke 11:1-13). In some way, prayer is powerful. It affects change. But could it be the most important change that happens through prayer is the change in me?

How does prayer change us?

It draws us to God (v 2 Father, hallowed be)

Focuses our priorities (v 2 thy kingdom come)

Reminds us of our dependence on God (v 3 give us each day)

Softens our hearts (v 4 forgive)

Keeps us on the right path (v 4 lead us not)

Moves us to action (v 9-10 ask, seek, knock)

Oswald Chambers wrote: “To say that ‘prayer changes things’ is not as close to the truth as saying, ‘Prayer changes me and then I change things.’” (My Utmost for HIs Highest)

As we look to BLESS our neighbors, let’s begin by praying for them. Let’s trust that as we pray God will be at work not only in their lives, but in our lives as well.

Begin praying for the 3-5 people you identified in Week 1.

Resource: DYMN Week 2 - Begin with Prayer

Resource: Ready, Set Week 2

Docent Requests:

Commentary on Luke 11:5-10.

Examples of Jesus/the church praying before moving to action.

Look for material from Rob Wegner on how the BLESS practices not only bring change to our neighbors, but change us. If you find it, see if there is an inward/outward angle for each of the BLESS practices.

**WEEK 3 | AUG 18, 2019 | LISTEN**

Scripture: Luke 18:1-10

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA**

In order to BLESS our neighbor, Jesus invites us to listen.

35 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” 38 He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 39 Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, 41 “What do you want me to do for you?” “Lord, I want to see,” he replied. 42 Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.”43 Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God. -Luke 18:1-10

**MESSAGE DESCRIPTION**

If we truly hope to BLESS our neighbors, then we must first get to know them. Any relationship starts with listening. We need to listen to their hopes, their dreams, and their challenges.

Jesus blessed people by simply listening to them. On one occasion he was on his way to Jerusalem for a big event, and in order to get there he had to go through Jericho. Jericho was a crazy place at that time of year bustling with people. Think Time Square on New Years Eve! In the middle of the chaos, a blind man cried out to Jesus, “Have mercy on me!” And over the commotion of the crowd—Jesus heard him. Why did Jesus hear him? Because he was listening!

This blind man was not on Jesus’ agenda that day. “Heal blind guy” was not on his to-do list. He had other places to be and a whole world of concerns! But he stopped. And notice the exchange: “When he had come near, (Jesus) asked the blind man, ‘What do you want me to do?’” Jesus didn’t assume he knew what the blind man needed. Jesus didn’t tell the guy how he was going to fix him. Jesus asked a question and look what he did next. He listened! Then the blind man said, “Lord heal me, that I may see again.”

This practice of listening characterized Jesus’ life…

He listened to the woman at the well giving her a chance to ask her questions (John 4).

He listened to the woman who touched his robe to be cured of her bleeding. He sent her on her way with a blessing that likely healed her emotionally as well (Luke 8).

He listened to the men on the road to Emmaus giving them a chance to express what they were feeling (Luke 24).

The guy who invented the stethoscope was noted for saying, “If you use this tool, don’t stop listening to your patients, they are telling you how to heal them.” He didn’t want doctors to just listen to hearts and lungs with his invention, he wanted to make sure doctors still listened to their patients. That’s a magnificent principle, isn’t it? We have to listen to people to understand who they are and what they really need.

And listening doesn’t just show us how to BLESS others, it can change us too! How does listening change us? It helps us develop empathy for our neighbors. We begin to share in Jesus’ heart for their needs and challenges as we listen to them.

In this message we’ll want to challenge people with some practical suggestions of how to listen to the 3-5 people they have identified and are praying for.

Also, challenge people to begin to ponder, “How could Jesus meet this person’s need?” We want people to start imagining what could happen in this person’s life if they found their way back to God. Begin encouraging people to invite their 3-5 people to “Invite a Friend Day” on September 15.

Resource: DYMN Week 2 - Listen

Docent Requests:

More examples of Jesus as a “listener.”

Practical ideas on how to listen.

Material on empathy. What is it? Why is it critical in relationships? Brene Brown material on the difference between sympathy and empathy.

Why are we so bad at truly listening as a culture?

**WEEK 4 | AUG 25, 2019 | EAT**

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13, John 7:34-35, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA**

In order to BLESS our neighbor, Jesus invites us to share meals together.

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” -Matthew 9:9-13

34 “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ 35 But wisdom is proved right by all her children.” -John 7:34-35

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. -1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**MESSAGE DESCRIPTION**

Jesus was known for eating with sinners, but the word “sinners” doesn’t mean people who sinned a lot compared to other people who didn’t. “Sinners” were the people who were not accepted as part of the good religious folk of Jesus’ day. Sinners were the people who either wouldn’t participate in religious ceremonies at the Temple or who couldn’t because they were barred from doing so. They were not considered “respectable” people in their culture because of their lifestyle or career or both. Jesus was known and roundly criticized for eating with the people who, if they were alive in our day, would never be in church for all sorts of reasons.

Eating was a big deal in Jesus’ culture. To eat with someone was a statement that you trusted the person. You considered the person worthwhile. It was an endorsement of that person as someone you prized and respected. That’s why it was so outrageous to the religious establishment that Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners (John 7:34-35). Respectable rabbis don’t eat with the people who aren’t part of the “good people” group.

A lot of Jesus’ ministry was centered around meals.

He performed his first miracle at a wedding feast.

He fed 5000 people on a hill in the countryside.

The night before his crucifixion, he ate a meal with his closest friends.

After his resurrection, he shared breakfast on the beach with his disciples.

Eating together was a big deal in Jesus’ culture, and it is still a big deal in our culture today. Many friendships are formed around the table. We come to know one another by sharing breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

As Christ-followers, we are called to do what Jesus did so often: eat with people. We bless people by sharing food with them and building relationships around the table.

In their book, Right Here, Right Now, Alan Hirsch and Lance Ford write:

“Sharing meals together on a regular basis is one of the most sacred practices we can engage in as believers. Missional hospitality is a tremendous opportunity to extend the kingdom of God. We can literally eat our way into the kingdom of God! If every Christian household regularly invited a stranger or a poor person into their home for a meal once a week, we would literally change the world by eating!”

We all have 21 meals a week. In order to live out the missional practice of “Eat,” it’s not that we have to add anything to our schedule. Just include people in the stuff you’re already doing.

Challenge people to share a meal with someone they’ve been praying for. This could be a Labor Day picnic challenge for people to invite someone to share a meal next weekend.

Communion Idea: On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus’ last instructions were about a meal (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). In this moment we share a meal together as we remember him.

Message Resource: Discover Your Mission Now Week 4 (2012)

Docent Requests:

Commentary on Matthew 9:9-13, John 7:34-35 (No need for 1 Corinthians 11).

**WEEK 5 | SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 | SERVE**

Scripture: Mark 10:42-45, John 13:1-17, Luke 10:25-37

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA**

In order to BLESS our neighbor, Jesus invites us to serve.

42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” -Mark 10:42-45

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7 Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” 8 “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” 9 “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” 10 Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. 13 “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. -John 13:1-17

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” 27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” 28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ 36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” 37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” -Luke 10:25-37

**MESSAGE DESCRIPTION**

Jesus was a servant. In fact, in Mark 10:45 he states that he came to earth to serve, not be served.

Of course there are ways we plan to serve (i.e. contribute team) and those are good things! But the kind of serving we’re talking about in the B.L.E.S.S. practices is an “as you go” kind of serving. As we get to know people by praying for them, listening to them, and eating with them, we will begin to see ways we can serve them to meet their needs. When we come across a need, we can do what we can to meet that need.

Jesus demonstrated this in the upper room the night of his betrayal. There was a need: dirty feet. Jesus saw the need and he did what he could do to meet the need. He stooped down and washed his disciples’ feet. Then he said to them: “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” Followers of Jesus imitate his example of serving.

Jesus also taught about this “as you go” way of serving. The most famous of these stories is the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

This week, we’ll challenge people to ask God to show them a way they can meet a need in someone they’ve been blessing.

Message Resource: Discover Your Mission Now Week 5 (2012)

Docent Requests:

**WEEK 6 | SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 | STORY**

Scripture: Romans 10:13-15, John 9:1-34

**MESSAGE BIG IDEA**

In order to BLESS our neighbor, Jesus invites us to share how our story intersects with God’s story.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” -Romans 10:13-15

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”3 “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. 7 “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some claimed that he was.Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”10 “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

11 He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”12 “Where is this man?” they asked him.“I don’t know,” he said.13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath.15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.17 Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

18 They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. 19 “Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?” 20 “We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. 21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.23 That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” 24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.” 25 He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” 26 Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” 27 He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?” 28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.” 30 The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. 32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” 34 To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out. -John 9:1-34

**MESSAGE DESCRIPTION**

There is a famous saying attributed to Francis of Assisi that says: “Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” The sentiment of the saying is good. It is an important reminder to walk the walk not just talk the talk. However, many of us like the saying because we think it lets us off the hook from ever having to talk to people about about Jesus. We hope that by beginning with prayer, listening, eating, and serving people, we’ve done enough to get the job done. Nope, not true. At times, it will be necessary to use words.

If we’re living out the B.L.E.S.S. practices, there will be times when we will get the opportunity to share the story of Jesus. And, yes, we need to be wise and sensitive in what we say, but when we get the chance, we have to take it. How will people respond to Jesus if they’ve never heard the story (Romans 10:13-15)? Sharing our story is essential to the B.L.E.S.S. practices. You can’t spell BLESS without the second S. To BLESS the world like God wants us to, there will be times when words will be necessary.

Jesus understood the power of a story. Story was his favorite way of communicating. He strategically used stories to help people find their way back to God.

For most of us, sharing our story is the hardest practice to live out. We might feel uncomfortable. Perhaps we’re afraid we’ll be mocked or rejected. Maybe we’re not sure how to share our story. It’s important that we learn because our story can be powerful in helping someone find their way back to God.

In this talk, we’ll look at the story of Jesus healing the man born blind found in John 9. The man’s story after his miraculous healing, “I was blind, but now I see,” provides a simple template for telling our own story:

My life before Jesus.

How I met Jesus.

My life after Jesus.

We’ll challenge one another to pray for an opportunity to share our story in the coming week. This will also be a challenge to invite people to next week’s “Friend Day.”

Message Resource: My Way Back Week 1 (2016)

Message Resource: Discover Your Mission Now Week 6 (2012)

Docent Requests: