



Bless Practices

GOING BEYOND OURSELVES

Bless Practices Study Guide

After implementing the Bless Practices with the elders and staff this past year, we have decided to roll this out to CFC. We often experience missed opportunities, or we feel intimidated to share our faith. Some of us go through cycles of guilt and intimidation that leads to inaction. We know we should be sharing our faith with others, but we lack direction and motivation.

1. Discuss what your experience has been when it comes to sharing your faith with those who are lost.
2. Read 1 Peter 3:15.

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 - a. What does it look like for you to *'set apart' Christ as Lord*? How do you manage your affections and attention to keep them focused on Christ and His desires? Share examples.
 - b. What does it look like for you to *'be prepared'*? How is it more than just sitting and waiting for someone to ask you? (see also Matt. 28:19; Luke 10:1-2; Acts 1:8). Do you feel equipped to share the gospel with someone? Discuss ways to become more equipped.
 - c. As the world gets darker, we are to give a *reason for the hope in us*. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What does that mean for you to be a 'light'? What has been the result of that so far?
 - d. We are to engage people with *gentleness and respect*. How do we balance the urgency of their plight with being gentle? Discuss.

Action Step

1. Take some time to pray for those who are in your proximity who don't yet know Christ.

2. Sign up for the training event at CFC: December 4 at 11am or December 5 at 7:30pm.

Message Slides
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1 Peter- Born Again to a Living Hope

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Big Idea: Be prepared to give a reason for the hope in you.

1. Be Set Apart

1 Peter 3:15

"...but in your hearts **honor Christ the Lord** as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

2. Be Prepared

1 Peter 3:15

"...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared** to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

3. Be a Light

1 Peter 3:15

"...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for **a reason for the hope** that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

Matthew 5:14-16

"**You are the light** of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all the house. ¹⁶In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, so that they may **see your good works** and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

4. Be Wise

1 Peter 3:15

"...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it **with gentleness and respect.**"

Jude 23a

"Save others by **snatching** them out of the fire."

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Training Event:

December 4 at 11am &
December 5 at 7:30pm



"The love of Christ compels us." 2 Corinthians 5:14

Bobby Parschauer - Date: October, 2022

How strong has your sense of God's love for you been this month?

What is your 'temperature' towards those who are lost right now?

Feeling apathetic - growing passion - increasing bless practices - impacting

Recent Developments:

| Unchurched People: | BLESS Practices |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Friends● Relatives● Acquaintances● Neighbors● Colleagues | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Begin with Prayer:● Listen: Ask questions● Eat: Show hospitality● Serve and Ask for Help● Share my Story |
| John Doe | Praying for a time to grab lunch. |
| Sarah King | Had the chance to help her family with yard work. |
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