

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.

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:15-21, Luke 19:1-10, Genesis 12:1-3, Galatians 3:7-9

POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND

- The passages reveal several important points about God, his people, and Christian mission in the world. The Genesis and Galatians passage show that God has always wanted a people that would be a blessing to the world. God blessed Israel to be a blessing, not so they could have the blessing for themselves. Like Jesus, God wants us to be his people in the world, representing Christ to others.
- The 2 Corinthians passage reveals that a whole new creation has come as a result of Jesus and that we are all a part of what God is doing. He reconciled us to himself (he brought us into his family), and now God's people are to be the most inclusive, peace-loving, and reconciling people on the planet as we welcome others into God's family.
- Living your life to BLESS others is not about adding another event or program to your life. Living the BLESS practices is more about our posture towards others that is prayerful, generous, and hospitable.
- As you live the BLESS practices out with your neighbors, friends, and family, these practices don't always unfold linearly. Be open to the Spirit and what God wants to do in your life.
- Don't put pressure on yourself to make something happen or to get someone to make a faith decision. It's our job to serve others and reflect Jesus to them; outcomes are God's department.