

POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND

- The passages reveal several important points about God, his people, and the world's Christian mission. The Genesis and Galatians passage show that God has always wanted 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.
- We may believe that to be a Christian, we need to convert people to the Christian faith. The problem with trying to convert people to being Christ-followers is that that in practice, it comes down to us trying to convince people to follow Jesus. When we live out the B.L.E.S.S. Practices, we are a faithful presence in people's lives where they see the power of a life of Jesus. Instead of convincing people to follow Jesus, we share our story of the difference that Jesus is making in our lives. We can focus on blessing others while we know that God will be at work in them to bring people to faith.
- Living your life to bless others is not about adding another event or program to your life. Living the B.L.E.S.S. Practices is more about our posture towards others that is prayerful, generous, and hospitable.
- As you live the B.L.E.S.S. 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 pressure 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.