

The B.L.E.S.S. Strategy

S. – Serve Mark 2:1-12

What we are attempting to do with B.L.E.S.S. is create an evangelistic culture here at Central. It is not a 6-week evangelistic program, but a strategy to help us live evangelistically.

- B - Begin with Prayer
- L - Listen
- E - Eat
- **S - SERVE**
- S - Story

Today's Big Idea – To B.L.E.S.S. your neighbor, Jesus invites you to serve.

John 13:1-5 - Mark 10:45 – Philippians 2:3-11

A Case Study in Service - Mark 2:1-12

How do you go about serving your neighbor?

I. **IDENTIFY A NEED (2:3) “a paralytic”**

People have all types of needs: health, financial, relational, loss, spiritual and more...

II. **DEVISE A PLAN (2:3) “bringing to Him...carried by four men”**

With God's help, come up with a plan to meet needs that you identify.

III. **GET TO WORK (2:3-4) “carried...removed...dug...they let down the pallet”**

Serving others requires effort on our part.

IV. **TRUST IN JESUS (2:5-9) “seeing their faith”**

While we are working, we need to be trusting.

V. **LOOK FOR RESULTS (2:10-12) “he got up and immediately picked up the pallet”**

We may not always see the results, but we should always expect God to work.