

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

S. – STORY Galatians 1:11-24

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 - Begin praying for others that you want to bless.
- L – Listen - Ask questions and listen attentively to their response.
- E – Eat - Invite someone over for dinner or take them out to eat.
- S – Serve – Identify a need and determine a tangible way to meet that need.
- S – Story – Share your story of how you became a follower of Jesus.

Today's Big Idea – To B.L.E.S.S. your neighbors, Jesus invites you to share your story.

You can share your story by telling someone 3 things:

I. TELL ABOUT YOUR PAST (1:13-14)

Philippians 3:5-6 - Acts 7:54-8:3, 9:1-2 – Acts 26:4-5, 9-11

What was your life like in the past before you trusted in Jesus Christ?

II. TELL ABOUT YOUR CONVERSION (1:15-16b)

Acts 9:3-19a – Acts 26:12-15

When and how did you come to trust in Jesus Christ? What were the circumstances?

III. TELL ABOUT YOUR TRANSFORMATION (1:16c-24)

Acts 9:19b-22 – Acts 26:19-20

In what ways has your life changed since you trusted in Jesus Christ?

Pastor Charles Spurgeon's 3 C's of Assurance of Salvation:

- *Have you experienced the conviction of your sin?*
- *Have you made a conscious decision to trust in Jesus Christ?*
- *Has your life changed since you trusted in Jesus Christ?*

