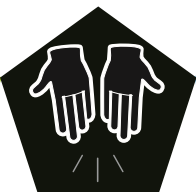

YOU WERE MADE TO

BLESS



God explained to Abraham in Genesis 12, *"I will bless you...and you will be a blessing...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."* God's strategy for reaching and restoring the world is simply this: to have His people bless the world. We are blessed to be a blessing.

So where does your life fit into the great and grand story of God's mission? By living on mission and engaging with others around you.

Our mission to go and make disciples of all the nations (Matt. 28:18-20) finds its roots in the original mission to go and be a blessing to others (Gen. 12:1-3). This means that blessing others and seeing people come to know, love, and serve Jesus are linked together!

If you practice one of these BLESS rhythms every day, you will not only look more like Jesus, but you will help others find Jesus too by living on mission in these everyday rhythms of life!



BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Who do you live, work, and play with? Among those people, who has not yet decided to follow Jesus? Pray that God would create spiritual curiosity in them, and then spend time with them. Seek the Lord to direct where He is already at work.



LISTEN

As you spend time with those the Lord directs you to, you need to listen to them—their hopes, pains, challenges, and dreams before you can help them. Lay down your assumptions and practice being present. Listen to God as He directs you to engage with others.



EAT

Eating is one of the fasting ways to move a relationship from acquaintance to friendship. What opportunities do you have this week to eat without with the intention of hearing their story and sharing your story and God's story.



SERVE

After you've prayed to the Lord seeking direction on who to build relationship with, and once you've listened to their needs and built a friendship, in what ways could you serve them? Ask them how you could help.



STORY

You can't spell BLESS without the second S. Sharing the story of Jesus with others is necessary to participate in Jesus's mission (Matt. 18:18-20). Start by sharing how Jesus has blessed you. Share how Jesus is at work in your life. Don't feel like you have to share everything at once. Think "bite-size" stories.
