

**STORY****What if the Church BLESSed the Neighborhood?****OUR MISSION:****LOVING JESUS, BECOMING LIKE JESUS AND SHARING JESUS.****This is a \_\_\_\_\_ mission.**

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**God has blessed me, so I can \_\_\_\_\_ people where I live, work, and play.****The BLESS rhythms help us \_\_\_\_\_ the mission.****We are \_\_\_\_\_ to be a blessing.***<sup>2</sup>I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing...<sup>3</sup>and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*

Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

**B - Begin with Prayer****L - Listen****E - Eat****S - Serve****S - Share my Story****Once I know people's story, it gives me \_\_\_\_\_ to understand them.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ their story.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ my story.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**Share my story, including the \_\_\_\_\_, because my story has the power to BLESS.****What is in my story? My story may include:**

- Family
- Joy
- Loss
- Vacations
- Achievements
- Fun
- Hunger
- Hard Work
- Church
- Trouble
- War
- Dreams
- Pain
- God
- Peace
- Food
- Career
- Happiness
- Acceptance
- Hopes
- School
- Friends
- Rejection
- Regrets

**Include the wins and the \_\_\_\_\_.****Share my story in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ pieces.***But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,*

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

**Share my \_\_\_\_\_.***The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.*

Psalm 147:11

- **Consider that being vulnerable can build \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Building trust can build \_\_\_\_\_.**

**People aren't \_\_\_\_\_.***"That, in fact, is (I believe) one of the reasons why God has given us so much story, so much narrative in scripture...Throw a rule book at people's head, or offer them a list of doctrines, and they can duck or avoid it, or simply disagree and go away. Tell them a story, though, and you invite them to come into a different world; you invite them to share a world-view or better still a 'God-view'... Stories determine how people see themselves and how they see the world. Stories determine how they experience God, and the world, and themselves, and others." — N.T. Wright***People can't \_\_\_\_\_ with my story.****What if the Church in Leavenworth shared her story, wins and wounds included, to \_\_\_\_\_?*****My Next Step:******contact***

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