

Our Cities

PART FIVE

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SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are forgiven so we can be given for Jesus, for His church, and for our cities.

I don't need to have everything together to give something to someone.

Regardless of where I am in my faith, I am called to be a disciple who makes disciples.

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

We will be disciples who are loving Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

The church is salt that preserves and light that points the way to Jesus.

We do good works to build good will to share the good news.

Serving the lost, the last, and the least is part of disciple-making. It is pre-Jesus discipleship in hopes to build a relationship that will continue into post-Jesus discipleship.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We will be an influence that points to Jesus by being on mission together to BLESS.

Begin with prayer.

Luke 10:2 (NIV)

"Father, in whom are You already at work? How can I join you there?"

Listen to God's call to "go" and listen to those in whom God is working.

Luke 10:6-7 (NIV)

When we listen and accept someone's story, we give them a taste of the Gospel that they are accepted.

Eat together.

Luke 10:7 (NIV)

- Meals together build trust. Trust builds the relationship.
- Eating together is a symbol of acceptance and a sign that people have a place to belong.

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Serve.

Luke 10:9 (NIV)

We serve others by leveraging what we have for their benefit.

Story.

Luke 10:9 (NIV)

My story is about the kingdom of God in me; how I have grown in the grace and knowledge of Jesus as my Savior and Lord.

Every relationship I have is either a pre-Jesus discipleship or a post-Jesus discipleship.

Many believe, few follow. Those who follow make the difference.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

Begin in prayer. Listen. Eat. Serve. Story. BLESS.

We are all called to be a blessing and we are to do that out of the blessing we received when we accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Every relationship we are in is an opportunity for discipleship. It is an opportunity to join the Holy Spirit in what He is already doing in the lives of those around us.

We do this by praying for God to show us where He is already at work, joining Him there by listening to others, eating with them, and serving their needs. In time, we will have the opportunity to share our story and for many, that is the most difficult part.

Our story, if we belong to Christ, is defined as who we were before we knew Jesus and who He made us to be since we entered into a relationship with Him.

Are you ready to be a blessing? If you call Christ your Lord you are called to be.

TALK IT OVER:

How does it feel to hear that you were created for eternal impact? Do you see yourself that way? Why or why not?

When thinking about the BLESS rhythms, which part is the most difficult for you?

Do you believe that God has made an impact in your life and that your story is meant to be shared? Why or Why not?

What is one next step you can take today?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Mon: John 14:19-24

Tues: John 10:1-4

Wed: Ephesians 1:17-23

Thurs: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Fri: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 5:22-25

Sat: 1 John 3:23-24 (ESV)