New Beginnings Community Church

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BE A BLESSING: The Jesus Way of Life

Scripture used: Genesis 12:1-2

OVERVIEW

This week, we're talking about B.L.E.S.S., a simple way to package what we've learned in our *Be a Blessing* series. Want to make an impact and leave a legacy? It all begins with giving. Let's be a blessing!

KEY POINTS

B - Be with Prayer

Abraham's journey begins with God's voice. God tells him to leave everything—and that's a big deal! If you want to live a life where you're a blessing, it should begin with daily prayer. Each morning, ask: "Lord, how can I be a blessing today?"

Luke 3:21 – Jesus was in a place of prayer.

Luke 6:12 – Jesus would withdraw to be with the Father in prayer.

Our lives, too, should be centered in prayer.

L – Listen with Love

Abraham didn't just talk—he listened. Listening to God's voice trains us to listen to others. Our world needs more people who talk less and listen more. Slow down and give someone your full attention.

3 Ways to Listen Well:

- 1. **Be fully present** put distractions aside.
- 2. **Reflect back** what you're hearing show you understand.
- 3. **Listen with empathy** listen for the heart, not just the words.

E – Encourage with Kindness

Encouragement helps others feel seen, valued, and loved. A simple act of kindness can become a real-life superpowe**r** that lifts others up.

S - Serve as an Act of Generosity

The blessings that come to you are meant to flow through you. Your generosity—whether through your time, talent, or resources—is how you bless others.

S - Share Your Story

Your story is a gift of hope. Don't impose your faith, but don't hide it either.

Practice sharing your story with other believers so you can share it naturally with others. We share not to manipulate, but to let people know what God has done in our lives—and that gives hope!

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** When in your life did someone's prayer, encouragement, or act of kindness deeply impact you—and how did it change the way you see God?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** Read and Reflect on the following scriptures: <u>Genesis 12:1–3</u>; <u>John 15:4–5</u>; <u>Philippians 2:13</u>; <u>James 2:17</u>. What does it mean to partner with God in being a blessing to others, and how does prayer shape that partnership?
- 3) DO Take 5 minutes or less to share your story with someone in your Life Group or someone you trust. Don't worry about being perfect—just focus on sharing what God has done in your life and see how it goes.