

Context Map and B.L.E.S.S. Worksheet

There is no one better to carry the gospel to the people around you than you. That's why God has placed you where he has. You have the relationships. You have the foundation. You have the same power that raised Jesus from the dead in you! This tool is designed to help guide you into gospel intentionality in those relational contexts you already have.

Step 1: Fill in as many "relational context" circles as you can. Start with naming your relational contexts. IE: work, play, learn, neighborhood, people group. Next, as you continue with your spiritual ears tuned in, write the names of the people you feel God's heart for. Who have you already had spiritual conversations with? In whom do you sense the Holy Spirit moving already?

Once you have worked with the Holy Spirit to identify a few of your relational contexts and individuals in those contexts...what do you do next? **B.L.E.S.S.** them! BLESS is just an acronym to help you plant the gospel where God has already planted you. It is a practical way to move people towards Jesus (in a non-weird or pushy way).

B—Begin with prayer

IN: Practice His Presence. Prayer is a daily, ongoing, intimate conversation with our loving Father. Begin by praying, "Father where are you already at work where I live, work, and play...and how can I join you?"

OUT: Pray with and for others. We also must learn to pray with and for others. Begin to pray for your neighbors by name. By breathing in and breathing out in prayer we will learn to "pray without ceasing."

L—Listen

IN: Listen to God's Word and Spirit, People and Places. We patiently and actively listen first to God's Word and God's Spirit. Secondly, we actively seek out the stories of our neighbors (people) and our neighborhood (place).

OUT: Engage God's Word & Spirit, People and Places. Out of a posture of listening, we move quickly toward responsive obedience to the Word and Spirit and we move toward relationships with our neighbors.

E—Eat

IN: Eat with your family. Meals are a daily reminder of our common need for God and his provision. We regularly eat meals with other followers of Jesus for the express purpose of sharing not only food, but community and truth.

OUT: Eat with your neighbor. We regularly invite our neighbors, those whom God has placed us in proximity with in our neighborhood, workplace, and community— into community and the experience of grace.

S—Serve

IN: Serve your family. God's plan is to bless all nations —all peoples— through Jesus and his people. We intentionally seek out God's direction each week for a tangible way to bless someone in my church family.

OUT: Serve your neighbor. We live out God's mission to bless the world by seeking out God's direction each week on a tangible way to bless someone who may not know how much they matter to God—in my relational context.

S— Story

IN: Listen to the Story of Others. We continue to patiently and actively listen to the stories of our neighbors with a focus on their search for meaning and help them find their way into Jesus' story.

OUT: Share God's Story and My Story. We look for ways to meaningfully share Jesus' Story that we are learning through the Scriptures. In addition, we share our unique spiritual story in natural and conversational ways.

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