

THE RELENTLESS PURSUIT

AN ALL TO HIM SERMON SERIES

ICEBREAKER

If you were a contestant on a game show, which one would you choose and why?

CONTEXT

Today's focus is on the importance of teaching obedience as part of discipleship. Our passage emphasizes that knowing the commandments is not enough; we must put them into practice.

BLESS

Remember to leave space to discuss the second step of BLESS on page 2

PASSAGE

Matthew 28:18-20

DISCUSS

- How can we ensure that our disciple-making process goes beyond baptism and includes teaching obedience?
- What steps can you personally take to better teach and model obedience to those you disciple or mentor? If you don't believe you disciple anyone, think about any teaching or modeling relationships you have.
- How can we avoid falling into the trap of equating discipleship with simply gaining knowledge?
- Are there any areas in your life where you have knowledge of Jesus' teachings but struggle to consistently obey them? Why do you think that is?
- How does obedience to Jesus' commandments realign our lives with God's original design and purpose?

DISCUSS Continued

- In what specific areas of your life have you experienced joy and growth through obedience to Jesus' teachings?
- In what ways can our obedience to Jesus make a difference in the world and serve as a witness?
- How has your obedience to Jesus impacted the people around you or opened doors for sharing the Gospel?
- Reflecting on the framework for teaching obedience (saying, showing, assigning, and discussing), which aspect do you feel you need to grow in the most and why?
- How could you seek growth in that area, and who can you ask for support and accountability in your discipleship journey?

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

- Pray for the ability to live out the Great Commission, especially in the area of teaching obedience to new believers. Ask for wisdom and discernment in instructing others in the ways of Jesus.
- Pray for a transformational understanding of obedience, that it is not a burden but a pathway to joy and contentment. Ask for help in aligning our lives with God's design and purpose.
- Pray for courage and determination to stand out from the world in our obedience to Jesus. Ask for opportunities to attract others to the Gospel through our transformed lives.

The B.L.E.S.S. Practices

Begin with Prayer → Listen → Eat → Serve → Story



As believers, we are all called to share the gospel! In Matthew 28:19-20 we are told to go into the world and make disciples, baptizing and teaching them. We hear Pastor James talk about sharing the gospel, but sometimes, it is difficult to know where to start. If you struggle with this, the BLESS practice will be very helpful! Each week, we will unpack a piece of the BLESS acronym.

This week, we are talking about LISTEN.

In the book BLESS: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World, Dave Ferguson says this about listen.

“Asking questions and then listening was central to Jesus’s life and teachings. Consider the blind man in Luke 18. Jesus didn’t assume the blind man wanted to see. First, He asked, “What do you want me to do?” Then He listened (more on this story later). In the Gospels, Jesus asked many more questions than He answered. Of the 183 different questions He received, Jesus answered only a handful. Any relationship starts with listening to someone’s words and life. True listening may be the kindest and most loving gift you can give someone.”

Go around the group and ask how BEGIN WITH PRAYER has gone for everyone.

Ask if there are new insights or names that have been given as their BLESSing assignment.

Discuss a time when you realized the power of listening as a way to serve someone.