

THE RELENTLESS PURSUIT

AN ALL TO HIM SERMON SERIES

ICEBREAKER

If you had to choose a famous person (past or present) to be your partner in a three-legged race, who would you choose and why?

CONTEXT

We are in our final week of The Relentless Pursuit. This week we remember that Jesus' call was given to all of us to complete together. This is why what you are doing tonight is so important.

BLESS

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

PASSAGE

Matthew 28:18-20

DISCUSS

- Why is it essential for believers to engage in God's mission collectively instead of individually?
- In what ways can you actively participate in God's mission alongside fellow believers in your own life?
- How does realizing the group aspect of Jesus' mission contribute to our spiritual growth?
- What practical steps can you take to prioritize reading and studying scripture with fellow believers?
- What role does accountability play in providing spiritual protection within the church community?
- In your spiritual journey, how have you experienced the importance of

DISCUSS Continued

accountability, and what improvements can be made in that area?

- How does unity within the church community reflect God's love?
- How can you actively promote unity within your church and demonstrate God's love to fellow believers?
- Why is it crucial for believers to recognize and fulfill their individual roles within the body of Christ?
- Do you know your unique gifts and talents? How can you use them to serve and edify the church community? *If you haven't taken a spiritual gifts test before visit www.spiritualgiftstest.com.*

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

- Pray for a deeper understanding and application of the Great Commission in each of their lives. Ask God to help them to see the importance of engaging in His mission not as solitary individuals, but as a combined force of believers.
- Pray for spiritual growth and protection. Ask God to strengthen their bond as a group, and give them wisdom and courage to hold each other accountable, just as the early church did.
- Pray for a spirit of unity and care among group members. Ask God to help them see themselves as parts of one body, each with a significant role to play. Pray for a willingness to support and help one another in times of need.

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 SERVE.

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

“Jesus told us straight up, “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve....” (Matthew 20:28 NIV). He modeled for us that once you begin with prayer, listen, and eat with someone, there is a good chance that you’ll discover how you can best serve the person God is asking you to bless.”

- Go around the group and ask how the B, L, and E parts of BLESS are going so far.
- Ask if some new insights or names have been given as their BLESSing assignment.
- Have you ever served someone, and it built your relationship in a surprising or significant way?
- Talk about examples of what this “serve” step could look like practically.