

B.L.E.S.S.

begin with Bible and prayer

Q: How have you been blessed lately? What's that looked and felt like?

In the Bible portions below, watch for the repeated words: *bless, blessed, blessing* AND *all, all people, all nations*.

Explore the following verses, watching for those terms and your own answers to the following Qs:

Genesis 1:28: What's the nature of God's relationship with humans?

Genesis 12:1-3: What did God promise Abraham and family + others? How is that significant in your thinking?

Luke 19:1-10: Why is Jesus' approach with Zacchaeus surprising? What connection does Jesus link back to Abraham? Why?

Galatians 3:7-9: How does Paul describe this thick thread of "blessing -> Abraham -> all people?" How is that significant in your thinking?

Ponder this: *How responsive are you to God's blessing? 'Ready to bless others? Explain your responses to such probing Qs.*

A discipleship roadmap:

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Listen

Eat

Serve

Story

Begin with Bible and prayer: Read **Luke 6:12-13**. What do you learn about Jesus' own way of beginning to disciple?

Q: What will it take for you to be in God's Word 5 days each week?

Q: Who are your 8 "neighbors" nearby you'll commit to pray for, that they might be even more blessed with the loving grace of God?

Get Ready for Next Week:

BLESS: listen

Read each day from **Luke 18:35-43**; **Acts 17:21-23**; and **1 Corinthians 9:22-23**.