

**“B.L.E.S.S. To Be A Blessing!”**  
**Genesis 12:1-3                      August 14, 2022**

**Begin With** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 6:12-16**

**Listen With** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 18:35-40**

**We Must Stop And** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 18:35-40a**

**We Ask Meaningful** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 18:40b-41**

**We Meet Their Real** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 18:42-43**

**Next Steps For Next Week:**

Read through the “BLESS” inserts found in your bulletin. (If you don’t have one, contact the office and we will send you one.) Begin praying and asking God to reveal the people in your life that are far from God. Write down their names on the two “bookmarks.” Use one bookmark as your reminder to pray daily for each of these people. Return the other bookmark to the church so we can pray with you. Ask God to give you opportunities to bless them in some way as you truly listen to their stories and their needs.

Read Luke 18:35-43    Jesus knew His time had come to fulfill all that God the Father wanted to accomplish in and through Him. Read through this passage paying attention to how Jesus took time listen to the blind man. How did the blind man respond to Jesus? How did the blind man’s response inspire the crowd?

Read Job 1 - 2:1-10    Job has suffered unimaginable loss. What tragedies does Job experience? In the midst of his suffering, what does his wife tell him to do?

Read Job 2:11-13      How do Job’s friends respond when they hear about his troubles? Have you ever sat with someone for a long period of time without saying anything?

Read Job 3              After 7 days of sitting together, Job finally breaks his silence. Job bears his soul to his friends (Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar and Elihu).

Read Job 4-37          The silence has been broken and now the friends feel free to speak “truth” into Job’s life as they try to convince Job that his suffering is his fault. Was this an effective way to offer Job encouragement or support? How does Elihu’s advice differ from the other three?

Read Job 38-41          Now Job hears from God “out of the storm.” What does God say to Job to help him gain a better understanding of his own “ignorance?”

Read Job 42              How does Job respond to God’s sovereignty? What does the book of Job you about “Listening With Care?”