"B.L.E.S.S. To Be A Blessing!" Genesis 12:1-3 August 7, 2022

We Luke 6:12-16	With Prayer	
The Early Church Acts 1-2		_ In Prayer
Our Philippians 4:6-7	Also	In Prayer

Next Steps For Next Week:

Read through the "BLESS" insert found in your bulletin. (If you don't have one, contact the office and we will send you one.) During this week, 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.

Read Luke 4:14-22 Why did Jesus read this particular passage from the book of Isaiah? What was the mission Jesus was "anointed" to accomplish? Are you clear on your mission?

Read Luke 6:1-16 Why does Jesus spend the whole night in prayer before He chooses the 12 apostles?

Read Luke 9:1-6 What "mission" were the 12 empowered to accomplish? What are the similarities to the mission of Jesus described in Luke 4:14-22?

Read Acts 1 What did promise his disciples? Where were they supposed to wait to receive this promise? While they were waiting, what were they doing? Where does the power to be effective "witnesses" come from?

Read Acts 2 What did the fulfillment of the promise look and sound like? What was the result of Peter's witness? What was the early church "devoted" to? What was the result of this devotion of the church in Jerusalem?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10 According to these verses, how have you been "Blessed?" What unique way have you been "created in Christ Jesus" to be a Blessing? How can you begin living out this mission?

Read Philippians 4:4-9 There is no doubt that living out our mission can be stressful and worrisome. This passage from Philippians gives us the antidote for our anxiety that leads to God's peace?