**“B.L.E.S.S. To Be A Blessing!”**

**Share The Story**

**John 3:1-18 September 11, 2022**

**Begin With Prayer Luke 6:12-16**

**Listen With Care Luke 18:35-40**

**Eat Together Luke 5:27-32**

**Serve With Love John 13:1-17**

**Share The Story John 3:1-18**

**Be To Share John 3:1-2**

**Begin With John 3:3-9**

**Stay Focused On The John 3:10-18**

**Next Steps For Next Week:** Review the “BLESS” inserts found in your bulletin. Pray and ask God to reveal people in your life that are far from Him. 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 listen to their stories and meet their needs.

Read John 3:1-18 What is the simple message of The Good News Jesus shared with Nicodemus? Why do you think people add on to the simple message Jesus taught?

Read John 7:25-52 Nicodemus shows up in the story of Jesus again. How does he come to the defense of Jesus?

Read John 19:28-42 We see Nicodemus one last time after Jesus has been crucified. How does he show his deep love for Jesus?

Read Romans 10:9-15 The Apostle Paul wants the story of the Good News to be simple and clear. How does Paul describe The Good News?

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2 Most people are intimidated when they read the word “preach?” This word “preach” can also be translated as “proclaim” or “make known.” When should we be “making the Word known?”

Read 1 Peter 3:8-17 Many people fear sharing the Good News of their faith. Why do you think this is? How does Peter’s words encourage you in the midst of hardships? When should you “give an answer” for your hope? How should you give this answer?

Take some time to write down the names of the people you have been praying for on your BLESS list. Keep praying for them on a regular basis. Be intentional and invitational about spending time with them. Look to be a blessing in their lives. And when the opportunity presents itself, gently and respectfully share the simple Good News of your faith.