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# REACHING OTHERS



“Seeing people who are not connected to Jesus connect to Jesus.”

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## **The Step:**

*Reaching Others*

## **The Heart:**

*“But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) - Ephesians 2:4-5*

The final step of our discipleship pathway is the culmination of the first three and leads back to the beginning, an invitation to biblical teaching by way of relationship. The final step in our discipleship pathway is to reach out to people who are not connected to Jesus and connect them to Jesus by inviting them into the discipleship pathway - which leads to transformation that leads to faith in Jesus.

For this step we will be using what is called the “B.L.E.S.S.” model as a way of building a relationship with someone who is not connected to Jesus. We never want to view people as a checklist or a project, but dearly loved image bearers of God. We want to see as many people as possible redeemed and experience true life, purpose and the love of Jesus. The B.L.E.S.S model is a basic process to begin relationship building with people around you and is as follows:

**B - Begin with prayer and an area of unique passion:** Everyone has a unique set of passions and interests in life as well as a unique network of relationships. Understanding the combination of ones area(s) of passion and unique relationship networks helps identify a smaller group of people where one can begin to build relationships with the goal of influencing toward faith in Jesus by way of invitation to the discipleship pathway. This is a key starting place.

**L - Listen to others**

**E - Eat with others and build the relationship**

**S - Serve Others**

**S - Share your/Jesus’ story**

## **Strategic Plan:**

- Teach the B.L.E.S.S. Model
- Help people identify areas of passion & unique relational networks.
- Help people understand their own story of Jesus.
- Equip people with resources to invite to “biblical teaching.”