



BLESS 101  
Bless the World  
Leader's Guide



*Welcome people as they arrive. Watch the first video.*

**We are not just *recipients* of the Good News;  
we are now *distributors* of it!**

## Bless through the Local Church

*And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.  
Matthew 16:18-19, NIV*

We are God's plan A, and there is no plan B!

Bill Hybels, "The local church is the hope of the world."

*You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world! A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.  
Matthew 5:13-16, excerpts*

*Video one ends.*

## Spiritual Gifts—Discuss. (20 mins.)

*Read, or ask someone to read, the following passage about spiritual gifts.*

<sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:4-8

*I hope you had a chance to complete your spiritual gifts assessment. Let's get in groups of 2-3 (if not already seated in groups) to discuss our gifts.*

- > Share your top 2-3 spiritual gifts and whether or not you agree with them.

*Share your top 2-3 gifts with the entire group and unpack a little about how they work together in your life and ministry. Have groups discuss how they might use their gifts.*

- > How might you use your unique combination of spiritual gifts to serve in the church?

*Watch the second video.*

Spiritual gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

Tithing

# Bless with our Personal Story and Lifestyle

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15*

*Second video ends.*

Discuss. (30 mins.)

*Depending upon the size of the group, you can do this all together or split into smaller groups.*

Read John 9:1-25.

- > Describe in your own words what happens to the blind man. How does Jesus do it?
- > What is the reaction of the religious leaders? Who do they interrogate?
- > The blind man makes a pretty startling conclusion. What is it? (v.25)

*Have everyone choose a partner.*

Share your story of faith in Jesus.

- > How did you first learn about Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- > What were the obstacles to faith for you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- > What made you cross the line of faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- > How has your life changed since you decided to become a follower of Jesus?

<5-minute break>

Watch the third video.

## Bless through Missions around the World

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:18-20*

*...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*

### PCC's 3 International Missions Partners

- Calvary Baptist Church in Belize City, Belize
- Together for Tanzania
- Moldova—Justice & Mercy International

Video concludes.

Discuss.

- > Thinking about lifestyle—what are some ways people live that could be inconsistent with their faith in Jesus?
- > Have you ever been on a mission trip? Tell us about your experience.
- > What are your fears/concerns about going on a mission? What would it take to overcome those fears?

## Next Steps—Small Group, Serve, &/or Missions

### Suggestions for Further Development

- > Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby
- > \*Network by Bruce Bugbee and Don Cousins

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