

BLESS - Part 8

“BLESS Together”

1 Chronicles 29:1-9; 2 Chronicles 6:32-33

5. What challenges do believers and churches face in our time when they remain true to the Scripture and to the counter-cultural life of following Jesus but still remain committed to bless the world?

6. What are some of the ways we can remain engaged in our local church during COVID (especially if we are unable to meet with others in person)?

7. What happens to our faith when we disengage from the local church and why does it impact our faith as it does?

8. Why is it imperative to not only proclaim the truth of the gospel but also the wonder, beauty, and goodness in our cultural moment?

It's impossible to put a number on how many times you've been part of a series of links in a long _____ that leads to someone's redemption and reconciliation with God.

This little church succeeded where the greatest evangelist of our time, Billy Graham, had _____.

Rarely does anyone come to a faith that sticks apart from the ministry of a faithful body of believers that have formed a local _____.

How to Do the BLESS Practices Together

1. Engage in your local _____.
Engagement means serving, giving, and participating in community _____.

Online ministry has to be coupled with _____ ministry over time to make new and growing disciples.

2. Remain true to Christ, to his Word, and to the _____.
Keep the main thing the main _____.

We live in tumultuous times and churches that have remained true to the gospel are facing massive _____ when it comes to keeping the main thing the main thing.

At Five Oaks we're not going to give an inch on the authority of Scripture. We're not going to give an inch on the centrality of the Gospel and its application to current issues. We're not going to give an inch on biblical sexual ethics. But we're not going to give an inch winsomely, lovingly, _____.

We are committed to living our lives counter-culturally, missionally, lovingly, as exiles in a strange _____.

We will continue to be committed to lovingly and relationally and truthfully leading the next generation into a biblical understanding of life and the issues they will continue to face as our culture turns farther and farther away from the Jewish-Christian ideals that have helped shape even its current values. We will continue to magnify the beauty and the _____ and the wonder and the truth of God's Word and his instructions to us.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-9. How did David conduct his campaign to raise funds to build the temple?

3. Read 2 Chronicles 6:32-33. How does Solomon's prayer reflect the bless mandate from Genesis 12:1-3?

4. How has the local church impacted your life since becoming a follower of Jesus?