

I Am Cornerstone, I Am Sent
Week's Topic: SHARE
Discussion Guide: April 9, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. – Mark 10:45

Did you take any opportunities to serve your neighbor in a little or large way?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week?
- What have you found most encouraging during this series? Challenging?

READ and ASK: John 9:1-34; Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 1:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

- What stands out most to you from these texts about living a life on mission?
- Which one of these texts do you find most helpful, or challenging when it comes to sharing your story?
- What is your reaction to the simplicity of the blind man's response to the religious leaders in John 9:25?
 - o How do you find this method helpful in sharing your faith? (just tell your story, tell what Jesus has done for you).

APPLY:

- Think of your story in three parts: before you knew Christ, how you met Christ, and what difference Christ is making in your life now.
 - o How would you briefly answer those three questions?
- When did you first come to understand the meaning of John 3:16?
 - o How would you convey the meaning and impact of these words if someone were to ask you about them?
- Which of the ways to B.L.E.S.S. your neighbor do you look most forward to putting into action?
 - o Which do you find most challenging? Explain.
- Are there some specific people that you have a specific burden for?

- Which action do you think will first be most effective in blessing them?
- NEXT STEP: Prepare to share your story by writing out your three part story (before Jesus, meeting Jesus, your life since meeting Jesus). Follow the tips below.

Tips for preparing to share your story:

- Ask God for help.
- You be you (don't try to imitate someone else or over dramatize).
- Keep it real (don't hide the bad stuff, share how you're growing in Christ).
- Keep it short (don't share very detail, and don't chase tangents).
- Practice out loud

Memory Work:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." -

Acts 1:8

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 11:14-12:12