



# B.L.E.S.S. SUMMER SMALL GROUP GUIDE 2026

WEEK	READING	DISCUSSION	PRACTICE
<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION &amp; CHAPTER 1</b> <i>"Why Does Sharing the Good News Feel so Bad?"</i> <b>PAGES 1-7</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are your initial thoughts about B.L.E.S.S.?</li> <li>2. What did you learn about "Loving your neighbor" from this section?</li> <li>3. How have you tried to "love your neighbors" in the past?</li> <li>4. Does it change your feelings about sharing the Gospel, to know that converting others is not your job? If so, how?</li> </ol>	Read over the B.L.E.S.S. pledge on page 146 and begin praying about taking the pledge sometime this summer
<b>JUNE 7</b>	<b>CHAPTER 1</b> <i>"Why Does Sharing the Good News Feel so Bad?"</i> <b>PAGES 8-16</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Of the 3 things your neighbors want most, which is easiest for you to do? The hardest?</li> <li>2. Based on this section, how can you grow as a friend to your neighbors?</li> </ol>	Begin praying about who of the people around you God would have you impact with Jesus' love.
<b>JUNE 14</b>	<b>CHAPTER 2</b> <i>Could Simply B.L.E.S.S.ing people really work?</i> <b>PAGES 17-24</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have you been a "Blessor" or a "Converter" in the past?</li> <li>2. What about Jesus' blessing of Zachaeus caught your attention? Why?</li> </ol>	Pick your primary context for being a blessing this week: your home, neighborhood, hobby, or work. Give it a try.
<b>JUNE 21</b>	<b>CHAPTER 2</b> <i>Could Simply B.L.E.S.S.ing people really work?</i> <b>PAGES 25-34</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which of the 5 B.L.E.S.S. practices comes easiest to you? Which is the most challenging?</li> <li>2. What from Michael's story (pp 28-31) impacted you the most? Why?</li> </ol>	This week try the experiment on page 28 with its two commitments.
<b>JUNE 28</b>	<b>CHAPTER 3</b> <i>B: Begin with Prayer</i> <b>PAGES 35-54</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does praying for God to use you in someone's life today terrify you as it did Beth Moore? Why? Why not?</li> <li>2. Of the 3 reasons why we don't pray on pp 46-47, which one most fits you?</li> </ol>	Create a Neighbor map of your neighborhood from pp. 48-49 and begin praying for each one this week.
<b>JULY 5</b>	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>L: Listen</i> <b>PAGES 55-64A</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1. Of the 4 "H's" of listening which seems easiest to ask about? Would you add any other categories to the list?</li> <li>2. What difference has it made to you to be "heard, known, and loved" by someone who listened?</li> </ol>	Using the chart on p 59, work at being a better listener this week.
<b>JULY 12</b>	<b>CHAPTER 4</b> <i>L: Listen</i> <b>PAGES 64B-76</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why is it vital for us, when listening, to seek first to understand, then to seek to be understood? (p 65).</li> <li>2. What did you think about the fact that Jesus asked 307 questions and only answered 3 of them. The rest of the time he listened (p 73)?</li> </ol>	On pp 70-73 chose one of the listening questions from each category and seek to answer them.
<b>JULY 19</b>	<b>CHAPTER 5</b> <i>E: Eat</i> <b>PAGES 77-94</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How did the story of Lauren and Quentin impact you? What was your biggest take-away?</li> <li>2. Which of the excuses on pp 86-87 resonate with you? What do you think you should do about it?</li> </ol>	Using the meal calendar on p. 89 consider how you might invite more of your neighbors to eat with you. Then try it.





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<b>JULY 26</b>	<b>CHAPTER 6</b> <i>S: Serve</i> <b>PAGES 95-106A</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How comfortable are you letting someone else serve you or meet a need in your life? Why is that?</li> <li>Have you ever served with others on a community project? How did that connect you with them?</li> </ol>	Using pp 102-104 consider which of the 3 principles for serving is real in your life? Try engaging in one of them more this week serving others.
<b>AUG 2</b>	<b>CHAPTER 6</b> <i>S: Serve</i> <b>PAGES 106B-114</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How did GiGi's story impact you? (pp 107-108) Is it easy for you to "serve as you go"?</li> <li>What do you need to "put down" in order to bless someone through serving them?</li> </ol>	This week use RPMS (pp 110-111) as a check-up on how you are doing serving others.
<b>AUG 9</b>	<b>CHAPTER 7</b> <i>S: Share</i> <b>PAGES 115-126</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recall how good and faithful God has been to you despite your disobedience or disbelief. What storylines from it are you hearing?</li> <li>Of the reasons why we don't share our stories (pp 120-123) Which one(s) apply to you?</li> </ol>	Re-read the story of the Blind man on pp. 123-124. How might his story guide you in writing your own story?
<b>AUG 16</b>	<b>CHAPTER 7</b> <i>S: Share</i> <b>PAGES 127-130</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does the hot chocolate and cookies story on pp. 125-126 resonate with you? What do you learn from it about sharing a story?</li> </ol>	Write out a simple version of your story using pp. 126b-130. Start praying that God will give you a chance to share it with someone.
<b>AUG 23</b>	<b>CHAPTER 7</b> <i>S: Share</i> <b>PAGES 131-134</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which of the 5 tips for writing your story out are the most helpful to you?</li> </ol>	Further refine your story and find someone you already know to listen to it this week.
<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>CHAPTER 8</b> <i>Are you ready to be a B.L.E.S.S.ing Every Day?</i> <b>PAGES 135-148</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to p 137 seeing someone come to Christ takes time...sometimes a lot of time. Can you commit to employing this B.L.E.S.S. process over time regardless of how soon others believe?</li> <li>Read the Lauren Seaman story again (pp. 139-141) and identify the parts of the B.L.E.S.S. process.</li> </ol>	Take the B.L.E.S.S. pledge on p. 146 and let someone know about it.
<b>SEPT 6</b>	<b>CHAPTER 9</b> <i>A B.L.E.S.S. Strategy for Changing the World</i> <b>PAGES 149-164</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Re-read pp 158-159 and choose one of the 2 B.L.E.S.S. practices to commit to.</li> </ol>	Consider ways to either keep this summer B.L.E.S.S. group going and involve other new folks, OR incorporate the B.L.E.S.S. practices into your regular small group.

