

DISCOVER YOUR MISSION

B.L.E.S.S. Method*

Begin with Prayer

Listen with Care

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The Problem with Listening

*Everyone has a story,
but few people will
listen to that story.*

- You _____ you're a good listener.
- You are typically _____ with yourself.
- You are missing out on _____ others.



**Five Levels of Listening

_____ the Listener

⁴⁰ When Jesus heard him, he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” “Lord,” he said, “I want to see!” (Luke 18 NLT)

- _____ what other people _____.

_____ the Listener

²⁹ The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.” ³⁰ Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. (Acts 8 NLT)

- Pay _____ to their _____.

Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person, there are almost indistinguishable. – David Augsburger

_____ the Listener

²² So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: “Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, ²³ for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’ This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I’m telling you about. (Acts 17 NLT)

- Promote _____.

Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don’t. – Bill Nye

_____ the Listener

1. H _____
“Tell me your story.”
“Where did you grow up?”
2. H _____
What’s your favourite (team, restaurant, vacation destination)?
3. H _____
“What are you into?”
“What do you like to do with your free time?”
4. H _____
“How are you doing with (name the situation)?”

Listening to...Inspire People into a growing relationship with Jesus.

When the people in our lives feel unheard and unknown, it ultimately leaves them feeling unloved. When you take time to listen, people feel known, and when people feel known, they truly feel loved and blessed. Dave Ferguson

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