

B.E.L.L.S.

Putting the Wheels on the Bus

BLESS

- Encouraging
- Doing something out of the ordinary
- Making people feel special and loved
- Help someone
- Awareness of others
- Empathy – listening
- Not what we do but who we are
- Smiling
- Investing time
- Verb = action
- Based on information
- Pray
- Demonstrating respect
 - Demographic
 - Cultural
 - Societal
- Caring – being interested in their lives

EAT

- Development of relationships
- No agenda – open home
- Open heart – open home
- It's not about me, it's about them
- Virtual – using today's median
- Inviting people into your life & be open for the opposite

LISTEN

- Listen to everyone including those outside the community/family
- Conscious commitment to listening
- Hear- result is knowing
- Intentional listening
- Listen to promptings
 - Requires recognition
- There are consequences & ramifications to not listening
- Responsibility (self)

LEARN

- Position ourselves to learn and model after Jesus
- Be open for the filling of the Holy Spirit
- Intentionally learning God's Word
 - Reading, studying, applying
- Not just biblical learning
- Enjoy fictional and educational reading
- So what / Now what
 - Application of learning
- Disciplined learning

SENT

- Understanding that _____ is/are sent
- Consider journaling as a tool
- Sensitive
- Obedient
- Not responsible for the results
- Start here & now which may lead to there & then
- Light
- Faithful