

MESSAGE NOTES

“Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

How to BLESS Your Neighbor

STORY

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“Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary use words.” -Unknown

Olive Knolls Church exists to **make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ**. We do this by **building an attractive community** that makes disciples as we **REACH, GROW, SERVE, and GO!**

Series Recap - You are a _____ to be a _____. We are participating in the _____.

Why do we hold back on sharing our story?

1. “I don’t have what it _____.”

“...don’t worry about how to respond or what to say. **God will give you the right words at the right time.** For it is not you who will be speaking—**it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.**” –Matthew 10:19b-20 NLT

2. “I don’t want to _____ my beliefs on other people.”

“Christianity is one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.” –D.T. Niles

“**Everyone who calls** on the name of the Lord **will be saved.**” -Romans 10:13 NLT

“But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? **And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?**” Romans 10:14 NLT

3. “It makes me feel _____.”

“God’s plan for enlarging His kingdom is so simple – one person telling another about the Savior... Just remember, someone’s eternal destiny is at stake. **The joy you’ll have when you meet that person in heaven will far exceed any discomfort you felt in sharing the gospel.**” –Charles Stanley

A Blind Man Who shares His STORY - John 9:1-34

1. The Blind Man's LIFE _____ He Meets JESUS

As he went along, he saw a man **blind from birth.** John 9:1

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "**Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?**" John 9:8

2. THE BLIND MAN _____ JESUS

Having said this, he spit on the ground, **made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.** 7
"Go," he told him, "**wash in the Pool of Siloam**" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and **came home seeing.** John 9:6-7

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "**Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?**" Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "**I am the man.**"

"How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded.

He replied, "**The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.**"

- Did a **friend** invite you to church?
- Did a **family member** introduce you to Jesus?
- Did you go through a **hard time** in life that led you to God?
- Did an **experience** inspire you to get serious about committing your life to him?

3. The BLIND MAN'S LIFE _____ JESUS

He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. **One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!**" John 9:25

CHALLENGE TO YOU TODAY

• **LET GOD _____ YOUR STORY**

• _____ **YOUR STORY**

- **My life before I met Jesus.**
- **How I met Jesus.**
- **My life since I met Jesus.**

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." -1 Peter 3:15

• **ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO _____ YOUR STORY**