

RECAP

How were you able to use the B.L.E.S.S. acronym this last week? Which parts were easy? Which were more challenging? How did God meet you in the process?

IDEA 1

Anya and William shared about how God uses the geographic movement of people from one part of the world to another for His purposes. They encouraged us to put on our Kingdom glasses and think about the global movement of people from God's perspective. One way God brings about transformation is by using the movement of people to transform the people who move.

How have you seen God using the movement of people to bring transformation in your spheres of influence and your city?

What do the biblical stories of movement reveal to you about God?

It is living out God's heart when we welcome our global neighbors with love and care, support them practically as they rebuild their lives in our community, and authentically and respectfully share our lives and our stories.

How can we practically join God in His transformative work by blessing our global neighbors?

IDEA 2

God also uses the movement of people to transform the places they go.

What does it look like to have a posture of humility as we recognize the value our global neighbors bring us?

How can we be transformed by God as we receive blessing from our global neighbors?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

There are currently 197 nations in the world, 7,111 languages, and 16,543 distinct people groups. We are told that every single one of them (and all nations and peoples from the past & future) will be represented before the throne of our God.

Revelation 7:9-10 says, *"After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"*

As a group, consider the ways we have made the western way of doing life and church the only way. Brainstorm ways we can learn from other cultures about life and worship. List them out and prayerfully consider trying one of them together.

Some ideas to get your started:

Prioritizing prayer like your life depends on it.

Showing extravagant hospitality as a demonstration of the extravagance of God's love.

Caring for the community as if they are family.

Adding a dancing or movement element in worshipping through music.

APPLICATION

Take some time to prayerfully ponder the following application questions and ask God to help you carry out your answers.

What is one way you can bless our global neighbors in Salem?

What is one way you can receive the blessing that our global neighbors bring to Salem?