

**Sermon Title:** Begin with Prayer

**Date:** January 12, 2025 - Luke 6:12-16; Matt. 5:15-16

Central Idea: To B.L.E.S.S. your neighbor, Jesus invites you to begin with prayer. Are you praying for your neighbors?

Introduction:

I cannot change the world. You cannot change the world. Even prayer alone doesn't change the world. Only God can change the world! However, God uses prayer to change us, and then God uses us to change our world.

- Prayer is like breathing, John 8:47.
- Crazy things begin with prayer.
- Jesus begins with prayer, Luke 4:1; 6:12-16.
- ✓ God works through us.
- ✓ Prayer connects us to the source.
- Prayer changes you, Matthew 5:14-16.
- How to begin with prayer.
- Who is my neighbor? Map

Conclusion: Simple B.L.E.S.S. tools

- ✓ Plan
- ✓ Prepare
- ✓ Places
- ✓ People

Following Jesus isn't meant to be comfortable; it's meant to be life-changing! There's no telling where He might send us and what He might lead us to do!