- 1. **ICEBREAKER** What's your initial reaction to the practice of SERVING? Do you love serving others? Is serving others difficult for you? Explain.
- 2. **LIST** After today's message, we've covered 4 of the 5 B.L.E.S.S. practices: Begin with prayer, Listen with compassion, Eat together, and Serve in love. List these 4 practices in order of what's... 1) EASIEST for you to do, to 4) MOST DIFFICULT for you to do.
- 3. **AGREE or DISAGREE**? In the message, we heard the quote, "You're never more like Jesus than when you're serving others." Do you agree with that? Disagree? Explain.
- 4. **OPEN-ENDED** We answered four questions today that ultimately answer the question "WHY SERVE?" After hearing today's message, what would be YOUR answer if somebody asked YOU, "Why should I SERVE my neighbor/FRANC list?"
- 5. **STORY** Share of a time in your life when...
 - a. <u>YOU intentionally served someone else</u>. How did that go? If it went well, how'd you *feel* afterwards? If it went poorly, why do you think it went that way?
 - b. <u>SOMEONE ELSE intentionally served you</u>. How was it for YOU being on the receiving end of service? How was it for the person serving you?
- 6. **APPLICATION** In the book, *B.L.E.S.S.: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World*, Dave & Jon Ferguson suggest evaluating how our neighbors are doing Relationally, Physically, Mentally, & Spiritually ("R-P-M-S") so we can determine how to best SERVE them. In order to do that, ask yourself some of the questions below about the people on your FRANC list.

HOW ARE THEY DOING...

<u>R</u> ELATIONALLY?	PHYSICALLY?	<u>M</u> ENTALLY?	<u>S</u> PIRITUALLY?
- How is their home life? - How is their marriage, dating, or family life going? - Do they have close friends? How are their relationships at work? - Do they have a healthy circle of friends?	- How is their overall health? - Does their energy level seem good? - Are they getting regular exercise? - Are their eating habits healthy? - Do they mention not being able to sleep?	- Are there any signs of anxiety? - Is there any indication of depression? - Have I noticed any mood swings? - Are they learning? - Are there any unhealthy thought patterns showing up?	- Do they sense something is missing in their life? - Are they willing to have you pray for them? - Do they display a spiritual curiosity? - Do they initiate spiritual conversations? - Are they moving closer to God?



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