

### MATERIALS

Dominoes  
BLESS cards  
Discussion guides



### PRAY IN ADVANCE

Spend some time praying for the friends, family members, coworkers, neighbors and classmates that matter to your people (and of course matter to God). Pray that God would give open doors to your people to build relationships with them that point to Jesus.



### OVERVIEW

A chain of dominoes won't fall if they're too far apart. In the same way, spiritual impact only happens when we're close enough to truly know and love people. Evangelism isn't a giant leap, it's a series of small steps: building trust, showing care, and sharing our lives. In this training, we will introduce the B.L.E.S.S. model which helps us take simple, practical steps to build meaningful relationships with those who don't yet know Jesus. The group will be challenged to **close the gap** if they want to make an impact.

## INTRO (6 minutes)

### Welcome everyone to training number two and review the Margin training.

"Last training we learned that if we are going to make disciples, we need to make room in our calendars. I hope you guys have begun to make some progress clearing out your schedules in order to get some margin in your life."

### Introduce the roadblock for today and state the goal for the training.

"Today's training is based on the 2nd roadblock, 'I would love to make disciples, but I just don't know where to start.' By the end of this training, our goal is that you would feel like you have a clear picture of a path forward towards disciple making."

### Introduce the domino illustration. (Have a domino in hand to show them.)

"As disciples of Jesus, we are the latest in a string of dominoes that stretches all the way back 2,000 years to the original disciples. We sit here today changed by the love of Jesus because of their obedience to the call to "Go make disciples of all nations."

### **Explain the good commission vs. the Great Commission.**

**"BUT** Picture those original disciples with me for a minute... What would have happened if after hearing the great commission, Peter turned to Thaddeus and said, "Hey Thad, can I disciple you?" And Andrew disciples James and so on... Had those disciples only invested in one another, we wouldn't be here today. We have found that in the church, many Jesus followers have discipleship relationships with one another, but it never reaches outside the walls of the church to impact anyone who doesn't already know Jesus. We call this the 'good commission.' There is nothing wrong with Jesus followers investing into the lives of other Jesus followers. It is a *GOOD* thing. It just isn't the Great Commission."

### **ACTIVITY (8 minutes)**

"So with that idea of dominoes in your mind, before we transition to our first teaching segment, we are going to do a fun activity together. In your group, you are going to have **4 minutes** to set up as many dominoes as you can. Whoever has the best train at the end of the four minutes wins. Aaaaand GO!"

Set a 4 minute timer. When it goes off, have each table knock down their trains one at a time. Have fun with it! Then Introduce Video 1.

### **VIDEO 1 (3 minutes)**

### **FILL OUT PRAYER CALENDAR (15 minutes)**

Give your people a few minutes to fill out their prayer calendars at their tables.

As the leader, we want you to go first and go furthest. Take a minute to share about one person from your prayer calendar with the group.

Pray a general prayer for all of the people that were written on the prayer calendars. Then Introduce Video 2.

### **VIDEO 2 (3 minutes)**

### **DISCUSSION (12 minutes)**

Give people time at their tables to discuss



#### **DISCUSS**

"What will I do in the next few weeks to listen to, eat with, and serve one or more people on my prayer calendar?"

### **VIDEO 3 (2.5 minutes)**

## **OUTRO (3 minutes)**

### **Introduce the takeaway (domino) and remind people to close the gap.**

"Today's takeaway is a domino. Put this somewhere as a reminder to be constantly blessing those around you. God wants to use you to bring someone into a relationship with Jesus. It starts with closing the gap."

### **Make sure people have scheduled their group meeting time.**

"If you haven't set a time and place for your next meeting, make sure you do that before you leave today."

*Hand out group discussion guides during this time.*

### **Pray to close your time together.**

## **TOTAL TIME (52.5 minutes)**