

Can People Really Change? "Social"- Ben Foote

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Community:

1. What are some words that you would use to describe the society we live in?
2. Name some of the types of people or social groups you come in contact with each week.

Core:

1. **Read Genesis 12:2-3.** What was the blessing that God gave Abraham? How does this blessing ultimately point to Jesus? How are followers of Jesus involved in this blessing?
2. Ben said, "*God's people become blessings.*" What comes to mind when you think of the word "*blessing*"? What do you think it means to *be a blessing* to other people and how have you been blessed by the actions of others?
3. **Read James 2:15-16.** Do these verses focus on the importance of feelings and words or on actions? What would it look like to apply this daily to those in need in society?
4. Do you struggle seeing yourself (and other people) as God sees you and them? What labels have you given yourself or others? What needs to change to in order to see yourself (and others) as God sees them?
5. What are some of the needs of those in society (and in your community) you've noticed? How do you normally react when you see those in need?
6. What's one small step you could take in order to be a blessing towards those people? How do you think God could use your life to be a blessing to the society that you're in?

Challenge:

Take some time this week and write down the areas of society, and the people you come in contact with, that you're convicted to reach out and be a blessing to. Then, answer the following:

- (1) Where do you need to experience the **Grace** that forgives you and sets you free from where you've fallen short in how you have acted towards and seen those in need?
- (2) Where do you need to experience the **Grace** that spiritually empowers you and changes you so that you can see the situations differently and do something about them?
- (3) What's the **vision** God's given you to bless those people in your society?
- (4) What's your **intent** towards those people or issues you see in your society?
- (5) What's your **strategy** for doing something new and different in order to see the change you desire to see in the lives of those people in your society?