

BLESS Austin Initiative

BLESS Austin & BlessEveryHome.com Launch in Small Groups

Small Group Launch Steps

Leader Steps:

- First, and most important, the small group leader becomes a BlessEveryHome.com Light. Begin to use the application personally to gain experience and to be the model for others in the group.
- Watch the Light Quick Start Video. <https://vimeo.com/262290647>
- Familiarize yourself with BlessEveryHome.com to gain a solid knowledge of the contents and how the application works.
- Watch the Small Group Leader Video <https://vimeo.com/580750505>
- Plan how you will envision and equip your people to use BlessEveryHome.com as part of their neighborhood BLESS strategy.

Small Group Steps

- Set aside a significant portion of an evening for prayer and discussion of the BLESS Austin Initiative and the BlessEveryHome.com application. Have everyone bring their smart device.
- Envision your people to use BlessEveryHome.com as part of their neighborhood BLESS strategy.
- Show the Light Quick Start Video in the group.
- Get everyone to sign up for BlessEveryHome.com that evening if they haven't already. Be sure they have the correct URL that is unique to Hill Country Bible Church Austin. <https://blesseveryhome.com/light/?cust=8218>
- Call your small group members to prayer and to BLESS their neighbors.
- Give time in your group during each meeting to share how God has worked through prayers for neighbors that week.

FAQ's

- The most frequently asked questions have to do with 1) where the source data comes from and 2) who will be able to see data a Light personally enters in a household.
- All data used by BlessEveryHome.com is publicly available or self-disclosed. Think of the application as an online "white pages" telephone book. Only a Light can see his or her information entered into the "notes," "list," or "edit" functions of each household selected.
- Go to the "Help Center" tab at the bottom of the BlessEveryHome.com website and find the FAQ section. Here's the link to all BlessEveryHome.com FAQ's:
<https://support.zoho.com/portal/blesseveryhome/en/kb/blesseveryhome-com>

Resources:

Bless Austin – Small Group Leader Video

<https://vimeo.com/580750505>

BlessEveryHome.com – Be a Light Quick Start Video

<https://vimeo.com/262290647>

BlessEveryHome.com unique URL for Hill Country Bible Church Austin:

<https://blesseveryhome.com/light/?cust=8218>

BLESS Austin Initiative

BLESS Austin & BlessEveryHome.com Definitions

BLESS Partner

- A church that commits to the BLESS Austin initiative
- A church that opens a basic BlessEveryHome.com account
- The church envisions and calls members to sign up as Lights in BlessEveryHome.com and begin to use the app to BLESS their neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.

Light

- Opens a BlessEveryHome.com account and connects that account to their local church participating in the BLESS Austin Initiative
- Commits to pray for and begins to BLESS a circle of neighbors selected in BlessEveryHome.com

BLESS Personal Evangelism Strategy

- Begin with Prayer
- Listen with Care
- Eat Together
- Serve with Love
- Share Your Story and God's Story

BlessEveryHome.com Dashboard Category Definitions

Lights recruited

- Other people that Lights have recruited to be Lights

Households adopted

- The households that Lights have designated to BLESS in their neighborhoods

Households prayed for

- Households that Lights have prayed for
- This is the “**B**” (Begin with Prayer) in **BLESS**

Households cared for

- Households that Lights have connected with and/or served in some way
- This includes the “**L**” (Listen with care) in **BLESS**
- This includes the “**E**” (Eat Together) in **BLESS**
- This includes the first “**S**” (Serve with Love) in **BLESS**

Households shared with

- Households that Lights have shared Jesus with verbally in some way
- This is the second “**S**” (Share Your Story and God's Story) in **BLESS**

Households disciplined

- Households that Lights have identified as believers in Jesus Christ
- This includes believers with wide ranges of spiritual maturity and different levels of following Jesus
- This includes believers from different churches and denominations