



SESSION 3 - THE METHOD

SERIES BIG IDEA

We have been entrusted with the mission of helping people find their way back to God.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

To carry out our mission, we have to live the mission.

SCRIPTURE: JAMES 1:22-27

ICEBREAKER

What's the best advice you didn't take?

OPENING THOUGHT

We so often know what we should do, and yet don't. We have great intentions, from starting that book, writing that note, having coffee with that person, starting that work out regimen, etc. The problem is getting up and doing it. What are you having a hard time starting (or continuing)?

BIBLE DISCUSSION

1. Read James 1:22-27. What stood out to you? What struck you?
2. Have there been times you've known what you should do with your faith but haven't done it (v. 23-24)?
3. What are some ways James says we must act out our faith?

LIFE APPLICATION

The message looked at three major excuses that come up around inviting our friends, co-workers, and family to church. Those three were: "I don't know what to say," "I'm afraid I'll be rejected." and "It's not my job."

4. Of these three excuses, which one most often holds you back?
5. What are other excuses that impede us?
6. Have you ever asked someone to church and been rejected? What was it like?
7. Have you ever asked someone to church, and they've come with you? What was that like?

CHALLENGE

Take out those five names and make a plan to ask each of them this week to Show Up Sunday. Spend some time praying for them and asking God for help. Think about which of the excuses hold you back for each person and write a prayer to help you stay focused on the goal: helping people find their way back to God.