



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 AND OPENING THOUGHT

This is designed to help ease your group into talking about ways we can talk ourselves out of doing what we know we need to do. Be prepared to go first if necessary and be vulnerable by sharing something true and humorous.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Have someone read the James passage out loud. Take some time to allow your group to share what they noticed then gradually direct the conversation to help them see that the point of this passage is to do.

LIFE APPLICATION

It can be very vulnerable to admit the insecurities we have around inviting our friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to church. Be prepared to go first. Discuss openly and honestly about the things that hold us back.

Allow people to share stories around the last two questions. These can be very serious to very funny. It's important to build camaraderie and show people that they aren't alone in being rejected and reminding them of the times they succeeded. If someone in your group has never invited someone to church before, don't shame them, rather encourage them to try for the first time! This might be a good segue into the Challenge.

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.

You could do this as a group, pair off to share those names and pray together, or singly during group or after group. However, you choose to do it, encourage your group to continue praying all week.