

## WEEK #3 (8-8-21) Youth Mission Sunday

*Youth Group leads the service. Please come celebrate them!*

**KEY WORDS:** “DOERS”

**MEMORY VERSE:** James 1:22 *“Be DOERS of the Word, and not just HEARERS only, deceiving yourselves.”*

**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE:** James 1:22-25 NASV

*<sup>22</sup>But prove yourselves DOERS of the Word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a DOER, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. <sup>25</sup>But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the law of freedom, and has continued in it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an active DOER, this person will be blessed in what he does.*

### **APPLICATION/MESSAGE**

“Bobby, will you please take the trash out before the trash men comes?”

“Sure, Mom, I’ll do it right after I finish this game. I promise.” Time went by and Bobby played on.

When the garbage truck came, it went right by Bobby’s house, because there were no trash cans by the curb. It seems Bobby’s promise to take the trash out was an empty one.

Had Bobby heard his mother? Yes, but that’s all he did...he HEARD. He didn’t DO. When his mother came into his room, she was really upset. He lost his video games for the week. He learned the hard way to not just listen, but to DO. The next trash day? Bobby followed through and took out the trash.

This Bible Study Lesson, “Be a Doer”, picks up on how we need to be HEARERS first, listening to God’s directions, the ones He puts in the Bible. Then, like Bobby, we need to DO what His Word says to do. How? I first have to take time when I sit down with God’s Word. This is no ordinary book - God is instructing me each time I seek Him with my Bible in hand. It’s not about taking my 15 minutes to get it done and then to move on. It’s about time with God where He speaks directly to me and I not only listen but I put whatever truth He teaches me, into practice. Writing down an action and putting it on the mirror in my bathroom is how I have a great ‘double’ reminder to the person looking back from the mirror so I don’t forget what God wants

me to do. Are you one who listens but does not follow through by DOING? What good does it do to know what needs done, but have nothing to show you have learned anything?

God's word is Truth and as I obey and apply His word, I will always be in the middle of His blessing. When I act upon truth and make changes I will be blessed, too.

Several weeks ago, the Youth Group went on the adventure of Work Camp in a poverty area of Ohio to do jobs for people who couldn't afford to pay someone to do those jobs. The Youth studied their Bibles and prayed for God to guide them and lead them to be His hands and feet. It wasn't easy. They built ramps, did repairs others couldn't do, talked and prayed with the people they were helping, and proved to God that they were able to go beyond just HEARING what God was asking them, to DOING it. They had become true DOERS of the Word. The people who met them saw the light and love of Jesus in them. Yet everyone was blessed, the people they helped, and the youth themselves.

That's what God wants of you. He wants you to understand that even when we do something hard or uncomfortable, if God is asking you to DO it, the blessings will wash over everyone involved. Let the LOVE of JESUS FLOW in the DOING!

**PRAYERS:** Jesus, thank you for the example that the Work Camp Crew and advisors have set for us. They went and served others in Your name. They didn't just HEAR Your Word, they became DOERS of Your Word, too. Let them carry the memories of You working in and through them throughout their lives. In Jesus' name. Amen

**SONGS:** "I'm following Jesus" words and music at <https://youtu.be/40HC-gVM2yI>  
"I have decided to Follow Jesus" at <https://youtu.be/1YdlwBMQfzs>

\*I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x) / No turning back, no turning back. (2x)

\*Though none go with me, I still will follow; (3x) / No turning back, no turning back. (2x)

\*The world behind me, the cross before me; (3x) / No turning back, no turning back. (2x)

\*Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (3x) / No turning back, no turning back. (2x)

## **CHILDREN AND/OR GROUP HANDS- ON ACTIVITY:**

### **What are we DOING for others? What can we start to DO for others?**

- Find paper and a pencil. Have everyone in your family list the top 4 ways each family member spends their time. Are they DOING, and not just HEARING, listening to TV or videos, or being by themselves?
- Create a second list of things each of you DOES for others. Are they just for your family, or do you DO for others, such as neighbors, classmates, or strangers?
- Discuss ideas. Agree to report back to the family on something that each did for others during the week.

### **Make someone's day!**

- Contact a nursing or Assisted Living facility, for a name of someone (or just make a bunch of pictures and cards for “anyone” who doesn't have any family who visits them much. Use the facility's mailing address, then mail your cards or notes to them. You could even drop them off at the front desk. That will make someone's day!
- Collect gently used toys or games, wash them very well, and deliver them to a homeless shelter for children to use.
- Make someone's day.. Call them, visit, zoom, or facetime with them.

TREAT Others

as YOU want

TO BE TREATED

