

becoming a CATALYST

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 1:22 - 25



What is something you've known you should do for years, but still haven't consistently done? (could be exercising, budgeting, cleaning the garage/shed or..)

1. According to **2 Timothy 3:14-17** what are the four purposes Scripture serves?
 - How is that different to just reading the Bible to gain information?
 - How does each purpose help us as Christians to grow?
2. In **Acts 2:42** why do you think devotion to the Apostles teaching is mentioned before fellowship, meals, and prayer?
 - Why do you think a commitment to truth was foundational to the community they were becoming?
 - What are some of the competing voices shaping the way we think and live today?
3. What is the difference between believing the Bible is reliable and allowing the Bible to influence our decisions?
 - Why should we trust the Bible?
 - What has helped you develop confidence in Scripture?
 - What parts of Scripture do you still wrestle with?
 - How can we develop an environment where people can explore honest questions about faith without feeling threatened?

4. Read **2 Kings 22:8-13**. When Josiah heard God's Word, he realised how far the nation had drifted from God. What stands out about his response/reaction?
 - What does this teach us about the attitude we should have when God's Word exposes something wrong in our lives?
 - What are some ways Christians today can be surrounded by biblical truth and yet still neglect to obey it?
 - What is the difference between approaching Scripture for confirmation rather than transformation?
 - When was the last time the Bible changed your mind?
5. Read **James 1:22 -25**. What makes the metaphor of a person looking in the mirror so powerful here?
 - What are some ways Christians can become good at hearing Scripture without putting it in practice?
6. In **John 5:39-40** Jesus challenged the religious leaders who knew Scripture but failed to recognise the one that Scripture pointed toward.
 - Think on this: *"The goal of knowing the Bible isn't knowing the Bible. The goal is knowing Jesus and becoming like Him."* Why is this distinction so important?
 - How can we make sure that our Bible reading leads us to a deeper relationship with Jesus, rather than just gaining biblical knowledge?

Which Value Challenged You the Most?

- **Lead with Love** — Am I becoming more loving?
- **Better Together** — Am I building relationships that help me grow?
- **For Our Community** — Am I becoming a blessing to people around me?
- **All In** — Am I playing my part?
- **Pass It On** — Who am I helping discover and follow Jesus?
- **Truth That Transforms** — Am I still becoming more like Jesus?

What is one specific change you sense God inviting you to make?

Spend some time praying:

- Courage to respond — that we wouldn't simply hear God's Word but put it into practice.
- Ongoing transformation — that the Holy Spirit would continue making us more like Jesus.
- Catalyst — that our six values would increasingly become visible in the way we love, build relationships, serve our community, contribute and share the hope of Jesus.

