

Week 7: We Are the Church That Lives the Mission (Bethlehem Lutheran Church)

Hosts: Seminarians Chuck and Luke

Theme: Turning what we've learned into action—how do we live out the church's mission beyond Sunday?

Key Scripture Readings:

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

James 1:22-25

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What's one key lesson you have learned from this series?
- 2. How can we avoid being just "hearers" of the Word and actually live it out?
- 3. What next step is God calling you to take in your faith and service?
- 4. How can we, as a church, continue to grow in living out our mission?

Reflection & Application:

- Write down one change you will make in your daily life to reflect God's mission.
- What fears or hesitations do you have about stepping out in faith?
- Who is someone in your life that needs to hear the gospel, and how can you share it with them?

Action Challenge:

- Find one specific way to serve in your community this week.
- Make a commitment to continue learning about the needs around you.
- Take one step outside your comfort zone to share the love of Christ—through service, conversation, or an intentional act of kindness.