**SUMMER TEACHING SERIES**

**“Snapshots of Life in God’s Kingdom:**

**Stories that Jesus told.”**

**TODAY’S TOPIC: “Life Without Excuses:**

 **Doing, Not Excusing”**

**1. FOCUS – James 1:25 – MSG**

**A person of action delights in taking action, and will have God’s affirmation.**

**2. TAKE HOME POINT**

 **Christ's power to live life doing, not excusing.**

**3. HEAR THE WORD – Matthew 22:1-14 - VIDEO**

 **KEY VERSE : 5**

**They paid no attention at all. One went off to his field, one to his business.**

**4. STUDY THE WORD - Christ’s power to live life doing, not excusing:**

 **A. Doing, not excusing: Work on doing it, not excuses for not doing it.**

 **James 1:22 - MSG**

 **Don’t fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener**

 **when you let the Word go in one ear and out the other.**

 **B. Doing, not excusing: Work on how to do it, not how to avoid doing it.**

 **James 1::24 – MSG**

 **Act on what you hear.**

**5. THE WORD FOR ME – James 1:25 - MSG**

**A person of action delights in taking action, and will have God’s affirmation.**

**A. May Christ’s power give you delight in choosing action over excuses.**

**B. May Christ’s power affirm your choice to decide and act, not explain.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**Life without excuses begins the day you decide**

**to live each day as the last day of your life.**