

Showing Up

A STUDY OF

JAMES

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Sunday, April 16, 2023

Showing Up: "Lifestyle Christianity"

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Notes:

[James 1]

Faith in Jesus leads to lifestyle changes _____:

[James 1:2-18]

- Jesus changes our _____ and " _____ " (1:2-4)
- Jesus changes who we _____ for wisdom (1:5-8)
- Jesus changes our _____ (1:9-11)
- Jesus changes who we " _____ " (1:12-15)
- Jesus changes our _____ (1:16-18)

Faith in Jesus leads to lifestyle changes _____:

[James 1:19-27]

- Jesus changes our _____ to others (1:19-21)
- Jesus changes us to _____, _____ and be blessed (1:22-25)
- Jesus changes us to _____ and others (1:26-27)

Next Step Questions:

- Have you placed your faith in Jesus and been baptized?
- Will you let Jesus change your lifestyle personally?
- Will you let Jesus change your lifestyle interpersonally?

LifeGroup Discussion Questions:

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. What comes to mind when you think of Christianity? What did you think of the picture of the 3 crosses in 1959 and the Barna graph in 2020?
3. How does faith in Jesus' lead to "lifestyle Christianity"? How have you seen this in your own life?

4. Read James 1 together as a group. Notice the following nine *items and how James:
1. encourages his readers to respond positively to their trials (1:2-4);
 2. exhorts them to ask in faith for wisdom (1:5-8);
 3. comforts the poor and warns the rich (1:9-11);
 4. pronounces a blessing on Christians who endure trials (1:12);
 5. warns believers not to blame God for temptations (1:13-15);
 6. reminds his readers that all good gifts, including the new birth, come from God (1:16-18);
 7. warns his readers about sins of speech (1:19-20);
 8. exhorts believers to be obedient to the word they have received (1:21-25);
 9. and reminds them of the essence of "true religion" (1:26-27).
- *Source: Moo, D. J. (2000). The letter of James

5. Which of the 9 items above is your greatest victory right now and which is your greatest challenge? Why?

6. Pastor Brian shared two categories from James 1 where faith changes us: personally, and interpersonally. Review the notes together from the message. How do you/we tend to get stuck on personal faith and/or interpersonal? Do you tend to lean towards one or the other?

7. How did you answer the next step questions from the message?

8. How can we pray for you and support you this week?