

Showing Up

A STUDY OF JAMES

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Showing Up: "Seasoned, Not Salty"

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Notes:

[James 3]

The "seasoned" _____ into the _____

[James 3:1-2; 1 John 1:7-9]

The "seasoned" _____ their tongue

[James 3:3-12; Matthew 15:11;17-19]

When the source is _____, we get "salty" results:

[James 3:13-16]

- **Source:** _____ and _____ (3:14)
- **Symptoms:** Arrogant, dishonest, worldly, nonspiritual, demonic (3:14-15)
- **Results:** Disorder and every evil practice (3:16)

When the source is _____, we get "seasoned" results

[James 3:17-18; Colossians 3:16-17]

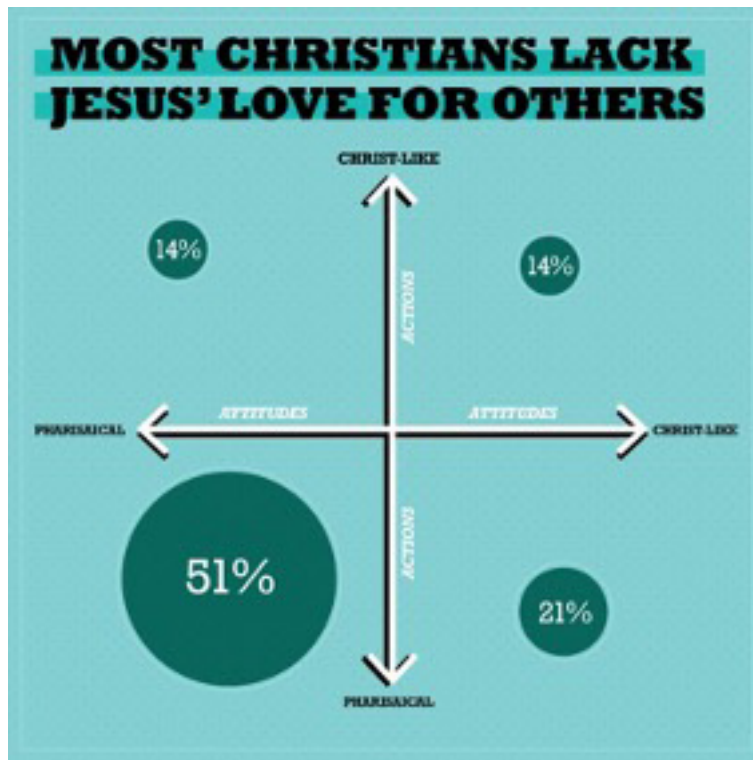
- **Source:** _____ and _____ (3:13)
- **Symptoms:** Pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable, merciful, bountiful, impartial, and sincere (3:17)
- **Results:** Righteousness and peace (3:18)

Next Steps:

- Are you seasoned, or salty, with your lifestyle and speech?
- Will you come into the light today and let Jesus become your source?
- Will you commit to dwelling richly in the Bible, so you show up "seasoned" with God's wisdom?

LifeGroup Discussion Questions:

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. What did you think of the results of the Barna research/graph in 2013 (below)? Do you think the results would be different in 2023? Explain.



3. Read James 3:1-2. What does it mean to “stumble” into the light”? Read 1 John 1:7-9 and Philippians 1:6. How do these verses speak to our need to confess, live in the light, and let God perfect us?
4. Read James 3:3-12 together as a group. There are so many strong statements and images shared by James. Discuss these as a group and how they challenge you personally. How should they challenge us as a church?
5. Read James 3:13-18 and look at the notes from the message contrasting the different sources, symptoms, and results. How have you seen this in your own life? How have you seen this in the life of the church/Pathway?
6. Read Colossians 3:16-17. What do you think it means to dwell richly in the word? How does this change our source and produce different speech and wisdom?
7. How did you answer the next step questions from the message?
8. How can we pray for you and support you this week?