

Showing Up

A STUDY OF JAMES

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Showing Up: "The Friend Zone"

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Notes:

[James 4]

The "friend zone": God commands us to _____ the world and _____ Him

[James 4:1-5; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18]

- What messes up our friend zone?
 - Our _____
 - Our _____

The "friend zone": God's grace grows when we come to Him _____

[James 4:6-10]

- What fixes our friend zone?
 - Our _____, resistance, and drawing near
 - _____ rather than _____

The "friend zone": a friend zone _____ seeks God's will in all things

[James 4:11-17]

Next Step Questions:

- Is Jesus your Lord and Savior?
- Is there anything in your friend zone that shouldn't be?
- Will you draw near to Jesus and bring whatever is in the way to the altar?

LifeGroup Discussion Questions:

1. How is God at work in and around your life?

2. When you hear the term friend zone what immediately comes to mind?
3. How does Jesus invite us to be friends with Him and not the world?
4. Read James 4:1-5. What are the results of our passions and prayerlessness? What is getting in the way in your friend zone?
5. Read James 4:6-10. How does humility and repentance lead to breakthrough according to these verses? How have you experienced this?
6. Read James 4:11-17. How do these verses hold us accountable for our words towards others and about the Lord's will for our future? Read Ephesians 5:17-21. How do these verses further illustrate the point Pastor Brian made, "a friend zone filled with the Spirit seeks God's will in all things".
7. How did you answer the next step questions from the message?
8. How can we pray for you and support you this week?