

Discussion Questions

LifeGroups



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Sermon Series: Endurance: Fuel for the Journey
Sermon Title: Joy
Sermon Text: Galatians 5:22-23

Bottom Line

There are going to be times in your life when you will fall off the horse spiritually speaking. Fall off enough times and you will be tempted to give up. Don't! Get back up on that horse and keep riding. Remember who you are and whose you are!

There is no one who can rob you of your salvation. In other words, no power in hell or on earth can take away what Christ has accomplished for you on the cross.

Scripture

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Proverbs 17:22

22 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.

Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Start

This week's sermon was all about joy! What are some of the first words that come to your mind when you hear the word, "joy?"

Let's Talk

1. The Fruit of the Spirit includes joy. How would you define joy? What are the primary differences between happiness and joy?
2. C.S. Lewis said, "Joy is the serious business of heaven!" What do you suppose that he meant by that?

- 3. Pastor Dale said that the word joy is mentioned at least 250 times in the Bible. Rejoice is mentioned another 200 times! That means there are at least 400 references in God's Word for being joyful!

How has your life in Christ contributed to your joy? How has your joy made a difference in the lives of people who surround you?

- 4. Read John 15:11. What do you suppose it means for Jesus' joy to be in you?
- 5. Read 1 Peter 1:1-16. There are at least four reasons that Pastor Dale gave us in these passages that we can rejoice. See if you can find them in the passage.
- 6. What reasons do the following passages give us to rejoice?
 - a. John 1:7
 - b. Isaiah 61:10
 - c. John 14:6
 - d. John 6:47
 - e. John 11:26
 - f. Romans 8:28
 - g. 1 John 5:14
 - h. John 14:2-3
 - i. John 15:5

Let's Act

These are difficult days. Many people around us (and probably including some of us) are struggling to find joy. Let's pray that our lives would be a reflection of joy to the world around us. Pastor Dale asked us at the end of the sermon, "Do you know the joy of complete surrender to Christ?" Let's pray that we might learn that kind of joy! Has the world ever seen an entire group of people committed to complete surrender to Jesus? It won't be easy, but the rewards are well worth it! Let's commit to that type of surrender and ask God for the byproduct of joy!

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