

“Advent: Joy” Discussion Questions

INTRO:

1. What moment do you remember experiencing the greatest amount of happiness in your life? (Be careful your spouse may be there :) How long did it last?
2. What is the strangest Christmas gift you have ever received and/or given?
3. What stood out to you from this week’s sermon?

INTO THE BIBLE:

Discuss each of the following principles concerning joy. What other scriptures do you know that apply to each?

4. TRUE JOY IS A GIFT FROM GOD
(Ps 16:11)

5. TRUE JOY IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE THE GOSPEL
(John 15:11)

6. TRUE JOY IS PRODUCED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
(Rom 14:17)

7. TRUE JOY IS EXPERIENCED MOST FULLY AS BELIEVERS RECEIVE AND SUBMIT TO GOD’S WORD
(Jer 15:16)

8. TRUE JOY IS DEEPEMED THROUGH TRIALS AND SUFFERING
(1 Thess 1:6)

9. TRUE JOY IS MADE COMPLETE WHEN WE SET OUR SIGHTS AND HOPE ON ETERNITY WITH CHRIST.
(Rev 21:4-5)

APPLICATION:

Take a few moments to write down all those things in your life that diminish your joy. Then take a few moments to write down all those things that restore your joy. In your community group you may see that you have many things in common on both list. Try to identify what steps you can take to change the balance towards a life filled with joy.

What practical steps can we take to bring joy into the lives of people around us?