

Opening Question:

Talk about joy - when have you experienced joy? Share your stories with your group.

Opening Prayer:

Begin your time by inviting God to meet and minister to your group - ask Him to guide your discussion and to speak to each one about joy.

Getting into God's Word

Did you have any comments or questions from this Sunday's message? Take the time to look through your sermon notes and talk about any questions you had.

Read Luke 1:39-56

1. As you read this passage again, what stands out to you? What stands out to you about Elizabeth's joy? What stands out to you about Mary's joy?
2. Pastor Nathan talked about the idea that joy comes from God. How have you experienced that in your own life? What kind of joy do you think the Father gives to us? What is God's joy like?

3. Where else do people look for joy in their lives? What can happen when we look for joy in our circumstances or in others?

Read Psalm 119:1-2, 143

4. What stands out to you in these three verses?
5. Pastor Nathan talked about the idea that joy comes from obeying God's commands. How have you experienced that in your life?
6. How are you growing in your knowledge of God's commands? What specific faith practices have you put in your life to grow in hearing and obeying God?

Read Psalm 100

7. Pastor Nathan talked about the idea that worshipping God brings us joy - how does Psalm 100 speak to that?
8. Worship is not just singing - how do you worship God when times are difficult? How do you remember to worship when times are going well?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9

9. What stands out to you in this passage? What is the source of Peter's joy? How does that help him and his audience as they deal with trials?
10. Are you facing any trials? How can your group pray for you and support you? How can they help point you to the source of joy?

Prayer

Pray for one another - pray for any needs your group members have. Pray also for Christmas Eve, that God would draw people to Himself through our celebrating together. And pray that we would be a people who are tapped into heaven's joy?

Sermon Notes

Group Listing

Wednesdays:

Leaders: Nathan and Jenn Pollock

Location: The Pollock's House in Camrose

Time: 7:00pm

Thursdays:

Leaders: Mark and Carla Werner, Jessica and Andreas Schwitter

Location: CentrePoint Church

Time: 6:30pm

Fridays:

Leaders: John and Ineke Tessari, Gary and Sandy Mize

Location: The Mize's Home in Camrose

Time: 7:00pm

For location information or leader contact information please contact Pastor Nathan at:

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**Many small groups are taking a break over the Christmas season - check in with Pastor Nathan and he can get you in touch with a leader if you are interested in joining a group.



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God With Us*

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Personal Reflection and Practice:

Review the Scripture and your sermon notes. Reflect on:

1. What does this passage reveal about God?
2. What does this passage reveal about people?
3. What does this passage reveal about ME?

Take time this week to reflect on the hope that we can have through Christ. As you have opportunity, share that hope with others!