

# WORSHIP

## JoyFULL

Joy: A Safeguard | Philippians 3  
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# SMALL GROUP GUIDE

## 2 Reasons for Joy:

1. We have love and acceptance that isn't based on our performance.
2. We now have a purpose that is worth giving our lives to.

## How do these truths act as a safeguard for our joy?

## NEXT WEEK: JoyFULL: Philippians 4

## GET PLUGGED IN >>>



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### 1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

### 2. VISION/PURPOSE

At Trinity we try to keep our groups open because there are many people who need a group like ours. Be encouraging your group to think of people that might be isolated and would appreciate an invitation to small group.

### 3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

### 4. OPENING PRAYER

### 5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

### 6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

### 7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

# QUESTIONS

**WARM UP:** Share about something small that brings you joy.

**HEAD:** These questions help us examine the Word.

1. Read Philippians 3:1-14. Why is repetition important for believers (v. 1)?
2. What did Paul have to "count as loss" in order to gain Christ? In what way might we put "confidence in the flesh" today?
3. What was Paul's ultimate purpose and goal?
4. How do these 2 reasons Paul gives for joy in Jesus act as a safeguard?

**HEART:** These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

5. Are you putting more confidence in your religious resume or in what Jesus has done to save you?
6. What would you say is the ultimate purpose of your life?
7. In what way do those small things that bring you joy in life fall short? What impact could Jesus have on your joy?

**HAND:** These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

8. Take a couple minutes to draft a "life purpose statement" that lines up with Philippians 3. Share it with the group.