



DIGGING DEEPER

Week 3 | Joy With Us



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RECAP

This week we continue our Advent series, *God With Us*. In those three words, the very essence of Christmas comes to full bearing: God has not abandoned us to history, nor to our own efforts, nor to our sin. He has come, through the Person of Jesus, and He promises to be with us forever. This week we look at *Joy With Us*.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: What Christmas gift have you either given or received that resulted in great joy?

DISCUSS

KEY PASSAGE: You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy....You will have joy in me and it will be complete.
John 16:20-24

MEMORY VERSE: The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. John 1:14 MSG

1. Explore some differences and similarities between "happiness" and "joy."
2. Joy is one of the seven core values of Fair Oaks Church. How can a church community better practice the value of joy together?
3. In the message, Josh referred to **2 Corinthians 6:8-10**. Read that together. What do you like about this passage? What don't you understand? What is it asking us to know or do?
4. After a challenging past two years for all of us, what are some areas in your life you would like God to create joy?

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

WINTER GUEST HOUSE: DEC 26 - JAN 1

The last week of the year we are opening our church facilities to host the homeless in our community. This is a perfect opportunity for you and your small group/family to serve and love others during the holiday season. We'll need volunteers to help greet, cook, clean, do laundry and spend the night with our guests! Sign up at fairoaks.church/missions

