



Opening

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 44** *What is baptism?
- **Answer.** Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.
- **Scripture Reference. Matthew 28:19**

Feb 18 Sermon - Study Questions

- John 16:16-33
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage

- **Questions**
 1. What do we look to for joy? What is the problem with seeking joy from these things?
 2. In Jesus's final statements to His followers what does He want to communicate with them?
 3. Note each time "joy" or "rejoice" is mentioned in the passage. What is Jesus trying to communicate about joy?
 4. How do their circumstances in the world impact their joy?
 5. What is Jesus trying to communicate when He tells them "no one will take your joy from you"?
 6. What does it mean to pray "in the name of Jesus"? How does that impact our prayers and what we pray for?
 7. Jesus says that when we receive what we ask for in the name of the Jesus, we will receive full joy. What does that mean?

8. God's will for His followers is unending and full joy. This is so good and generous! How is this possible (v.33)?

9. How can we be a people of the type of joy described in this passage?

Closing

- Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism