

Series: Always Finding Joy

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Scripture: Philippians 1:1-8

Sermon: Finding Joy in God's People

Dig Deeper:

1. What is the difference between being joyful and rejoicing?
2. How can a person be glad in spite of circumstances?
3. Have you ever felt that the world would be better without people in it?
4. Have you ever felt *overwhelmed* with joy?
5. What is the partnership that should give us joy?
6. What is fellowship?
7. How can we find joy in a partnership with people who are radically different than us?
8. How can seeing God's work in others help you to find greater joy in them?
9. Do you tend to feel deeply? If not, why not?

Application:

10. How are you engaging in partnership with other believers in the Gospel?
11. When you are frustrated with others, be purposeful to remember the good times with them.
12. If you're having a hard time loving another believer, pray for the insight to see the work that God is doing in them.
13. Pray for the ability to feel life deeply.
14. Points for connection:
 - a. Recognize your need for people
 - b. Learn to identify safe people
 - c. Take risks and be vulnerable
 - d. Give yourself permission to feel
 - e. Grow empathy in life

For further study:

15. Read Acts 16 and see the development of the Philippian church.
16. Read "Changes that Heal" by Cloud and Townsend "