

Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 12, 2025

Matthew 5:4 – Joy in the Tears

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time you experienced comfort after a time of mourning.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

When we bring God our grief - whether over loss, sin, or brokenness - He meets us with real comfort, healing, and hope.

DIGGING IN

READ – Matthew 5:4

- Much of Jesus' teaching is counter to what the world teaches. Why do you think it is important that we understand that?
- What is the blessing that Jesus says comes to those who mourn?
- Why might some people choose to HIDE their mourning?
- Who comforts the mourner?
- Have you ever tried to comfort a mourner but felt like you failed?

READ – Job 2:11-13

- How did Job's friends bring comfort to Job?

- How can the example of Job's friends encourage us as we seek to comfort those who mourn?

READ – Isaiah 6:1-5

- What caused Isaiah's mourning in these verses?
- How can it be healthy to mourn over our comparison to Almighty God?
- How is it unhealthy for us to choose to stay in a state of mourning?

READ – Psalm 56:8

- How does it impact you to know that God cares that much about the things that make you weep?

READ – The prophetic explanation of Jesus' ministry in Isaiah 61:1-3

- How does it impact you to know this is part of Jesus' ministry to you?
- How can an accurate view of God's supreme power and control help us when we find ourselves in a time of mourning?
- How does the understanding, the Holy Spirit is called THE COMFORTER, help you in a time of mourning?
- How can it help us to see mourning as a necessary step towards comfort?

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Take some time each week to share prayer requests and praise reports.

Have someone in your group record these prayer requests and email them out to the whole group to be praying for each other throughout the week.

Close with a time of prayer.