



## Bible study for the week starting July 23, 2023

### SHARE

**DISCUSS JOY:** Talk about a time that you truly experienced joy. What were the circumstances surrounding that joy?

**DISCUSS TEAMWORK:** What is your experience in being a part of a team? What was your role? What did you learn from being a part of a team?

**DISCUSS BOTH:** Now, talk how about the time you found joy in being a part of a team. Is being on a team more joyful or more stressful? Why? What has your experience been?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. **Read Psalm 133** Have you ever been divided from someone? Are you currently “at odds” with someone else? How did/ does that feel? Why is unity important?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**
  - a. Think about the people God uses to do great things. When did God call you? Grow up in the church? Or use something in your life to redirect your affections?
3. **Read John 15: 9-11**
  - a. *What role do you see joy having in a Christians life?*
  - b. *xáris ("grace") xará ("joy because of grace")*
  - c. *How are grace and joy related in your life?*
4. **Read John 15: 12-17-** Bear fruit—fruit that will last.
  - a. What fruit last's the longest in your heart? Bitterness? Love?
  - b. Respond to this quote: **“Your faith is personal but never private”**
  - c. What are the personal elements to your faith...and what are the more public parts?

### PRAY

Pray that we would have joy in the Lord together, and that our faith would be personal to us but also public in this world.



"It's Fun"

John 15:9-17

July 23, 2023– Pastor Ben Schrank

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Discipleship is not simply an INDIVIDUAL'S call to follow Jesus... it is an invitation to follow Jesus TOGETHER.

"These things I have spoken to you, that my JOY may be in you, and that your joy may be FULL." Jn 15:11

"Joy is the SERIOUS business of heaven."

-C.S. Lewis

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and BEAR FRUIT and that your fruit should abide," John 15:16

Χαρά – "Joy because of GRACE."

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have LOVE for one another." Jn 13:35

Christian faith is PERSONAL but never PRIVATE.

*For next week, please read Hebrews 10:19-39.*