

The Gospel of John
Causes for Joy – John 16:16-33

Intro: How do you protect yourself from being robbed of valuable possessions? How about joy?

To be protected we need ADT: A _____

D _____ I _____

I. _____ Will Be Alleviated – John 16:16-22

A. The _____ of Pain – Jesus' Death – 16:16, 17, 19

B. The _____ of Pain – 16:20, 22, 32

C. The _____ of Pain – 16:22
- See 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Revelation 21:4
- **Illustrate:** Road trip...Not there yet. Will be!

II. _____ Will Be Accepted – John 16:23-28

The Abundant Daily Truth for joy is that God will accept your prayers

A. _____ You– 16:23

B. _____ You – 16:27

C. Is _____ with You – 16:27

Philippians 4:6-7; James 4:2 - Praying is the key to full-measure joy!

Praying puts you in the _____ state of mind and in the _____ of God where joy robbers are not allowed.

III. _____ Will Be Abundant – John 16:29-33

You will have a greater abundance of peace through Christ who has overcome the world.

With this peace in you, _____ cannot be squeezed out of you.

Conclusion: Is your life, your heart, your mind guarded with Abundant Daily Truth?

Small Group Study Questions
Develop

1. What in your life has been a great cause for joy?

2. What are differences between the joy that the world offers and what Christ offers?

Dig

1. Read John 16:16-22 – Jesus spoke truthfully of both sorrow and joy. What did he say about each of them?

2. What truths are a cause for joy in 2 Corinthians 4:17-18? In Revelation 21:4?

3. Read John 16:23-28 – What promises did Jesus make concerning prayer?

4. What is promised in Philippians 4:6-7 through prayer? What does James 4:2 say is prevented? How does what is written affect joy?

5. Read John 16:29-33 – What does Jesus mean that he has overcome the world? How does this truth assure us that the peace that he gives protects us against joy robbers?

Do

1. Personal Reflection – What area of your life needs more protection with the Abundant Daily Truth of the Scriptures?

2. For Sharing – What is an important lesson that you learned from this message, and how can you apply it to your life?