

Sermon Discussion Questions

Fruit of the Spirit: Joy – Grant Braaten
21 April 2024
Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:16

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week we are continuing our series on the Fruit of the Spirit. In this message, Grant looks at the fruit of Joy, and as he unpacks this topic, we see that when we choose joy, we position ourselves to receive the grace of God, which leads to the joy of the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to think about the people you encounter every day and to ask yourself whether you love them like Jesus loves them. What about people you find difficult to love? Did the Holy Spirit bring anyone to mind? What was your response?
2. Is there something that jumped out at you from Grant's message this week?
3. Have you experienced the joy of the Lord in a tangible, overwhelming way? What was it like?
4. When is the toughest time to rejoice for you? If you were able to rejoice in those tough moments, do you think things would change?
5. Has there been a moment that you had joy when it made no sense?
6. How can you embrace joy without embracing the "fake it till you make it"?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite food to cook on a grill or smoker?
2. What is one of your favorite sayings? (ie. The grass is always greener ...)
3. Who is your favorite singer/songwriter?

7. We talked about the connection between joy, rejoicing, and grace. How did that land for you? What does that look like practically?

APPLICATION

Do you feel you live a life of joy? Why or why not? If not, ask the Holy Spirit to show you things that are preventing you from encountering the joy God wants you to experience. Practice positioning yourself to receive God's grace which leads to the joy of the Lord. Share with your group ways you were able to make that happen.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com> , or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can be found in all three locations.

Trivia Night, 26 April from 6:30-8:00 pm, New Wine Church, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO (This is a Youth Fundraiser Event)

Selah Women's Retreat, 3-4 May, Heartland Retreat Center, Parkville, MO. Follow the link to register: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+2rvhqw9>

Youth Summer Camp, Grades 6-12, 17-22 June. To sign up or for more information go to: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sywckrv>

Kids Camp, 10-12 July from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Power Play. Register here: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sr5sc4m/register>

FINAL THOUGHT

If you want more joy in your life, learn how to rejoice.