

Sermon Discussion Questions

Infinite Joy – Ryan Finney

Sermon Text: Philippians 4:4-9

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. Pray for group members who indicate there is something preventing them from experiencing and receiving God's joy.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week we are focusing on JOY. Is it possible to be filled with joy even if we are facing difficult situations? Pastor Ryan focuses on Philippians 4:4-9 this week and examines what the Apostle Paul says about joy during a trial of his own. In spite of the trial you are facing, joy can still exist. This week examine your heart and see where joy is lacking. It is time to lay your burdens down and make your requests known to God, for joy comes from the Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to think about your own life and all the ways you seek for and try to obtain peace. What were some of the ways you identified? Did Jesus find his way onto your list and if so, where did he rank? Based on the things you listed, did you identify any changes that need to be made?
2. What is one thing that really stood out to you from the message this week?
3. Are there some things that might be standing in the way of joy in your life? Is there a situation or circumstance in your life that has you saying, "I want to rejoice, but _____"?
4. What impact would it have if we rejoiced continually? How might it impact our family? Our friends? Our city? Our nation?
5. How can we rejoice in the goodness of God if we are feeding ourselves with the ugliness of the world? What are some of the ways we feed ourselves with the ugliness of the world? What are some ways we could feed ourselves with the goodness of God?

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 one thing you'd like to receive from the song The Twelve Days of Christmas?
2. Are you travelling for the Christmas holiday?
3. Do you remember a childhood Christmas play you were part of? Do you remember what part you played?

APPLICATION

Is there something in your life that is preventing you from receiving God's joy? Is there anything God needs to break off you so you can experience joy? What is it? Find a friend, your small group, or a pastor to pray with you. (You have people who will come along side of you and lift you up and encourage you).

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Men's Breakfast, 17 December, 9:00-10:30, Red Apple Diner, 211 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City
Christmas Eve Services, 23 December 6pm, 24 December 4 and 6 pm, Oak Park HS
Sermon Series – Build The House, starts 8 January 2023, 9 and 11 am, Oak Park HS
Youth White Out Winter Camp, 17-19 March 2023, Crooked Creek Ranch, Fraser, CO

FINAL THOUGHT

**Our joy is not based on our circumstances or feelings.
We find our joy in the Kingdom and in the King.**