



This is The Way, Week 2, *Cultivating Joy*

Dan Jarrell, October 11, 2020

Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Read: John 16:16-27

1. What were the disciples confused about? (v16-18)
2. What future event is Jesus talking about? (v19-20)
3. What illustration does Jesus use to make His point? Is it effective? (v21-22)
4. Describe the coming relationship between God and man. (v23-27)

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

5. Share about a life circumstance where temporary sorrows were turned into joy? Where do you see this coming in the future?
6. In this sermon, Dan describes 5 “joy killers”:
 - Hope in life’s circumstances.
 - Hope in false or uncertain “promises”.
 - Hope in people.
 - Hope in human government.
 - Hope in “earthly” institutions.

What “joy killers” are the biggest threat to your spiritual life? Why?

7. We cultivate joy by placing all our hope in the person and the promises of Jesus. As a group, speak out as many promises of God as you can in a few minutes (have a goal of about 20). Out of all that has been spoken, what promise of God stands out to you as one to focus on this week?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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