



Unexpected Joy December 15, 2019

Luke 1:14-15
Luke 1:44
Luke 2:8-11
Matthew 2:16

Joy is the Good News Perspective

Luke 2:19

1. **Ask Jesus to Modify Your Mood**
Psalm 118:24
2. **Be Keenly Curious about Christ**
Luke 1:29
3. **Grow A Grateful Heart**
Colossians 1:12-14
4. **Praise Jesus in Your Problems**
James 1:2-4
5. **Be Generous With the Joy**
Luke 2:17-18
Luke 2:38
Luke 15:10

Home/Group Study

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

C.S. Lewis

1. What is your most joyful Christmas memory?
2. What about the Christmas story was immediately joyful? And what would have seemed anything but joyful?
3. How can you walk through the blessings of life without getting prideful? And the difficulties of life without being devastated?
4. When facing life's difficulties, which we all will, how is it possible to both mourn and rejoice at the same time?
5. What makes following Jesus such a joyful experience? What changes need to occur in you to make space for Jesus to lead?