

**The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength
Change Agent
Nehemiah 8:10; John 16:20-22
10/04/2020
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Notes:

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

Icebreaker: What is your favorite thing about fall?

Have everyone spend time reading **Romans 12:12; Philemon 1:7; James 1:2; John 15:9-11** quietly to themselves. After a few minutes, either have one person read the passage for the group or have each person take turns reading a portion until the entire passage has been read.

Sermon Observation Questions

1. Was there anything from this past week's sermon that stood out to you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that confused you? Explain. Was there anything from the sermon that invoked an emotion? If so, what was it?
2. Observations about this passage: Who was the audience or the characters? What does this passage tell us about sinful man? What do we learn about God or Jesus from reading this passage, and how does that impact the way we love people and love God?
3. What questions arise from reading this passage? Is there anything from this passage that sticks out to you personally? If so, what?

Life Application Questions

1. What is the difference between happiness and joy? When have you experienced joy in the midst of pain?
2. For Christians, what is our source of joy and how does that aid us in moving forward despite negative circumstances?
3. If someone you were discipling came up to you and said, "I'm having a difficult time being joyful right now, because...." How would you respond; what would you say?
4. **Next Steps:** What disciplines can you practice this week that will help you rest in joy?