

**1 \_\_\_\_\_ to the Word**

- a. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
- d. The people were \_\_\_\_\_

**2 \_\_\_\_\_ from the Word**

- a. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
- d. The people were \_\_\_\_\_

**3 \_\_\_\_\_ by the Word**

- a. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The people were an \_\_\_\_\_

**4 \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word**

- a. The people were \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The people were a \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The people had \_\_\_\_\_

**5 \_\_\_\_\_ the Word**

## Group Questions

1. What benefits do children gain from attending a worship service of their own?
  - a. What benefits from attending with their parents?
2. Should the congregation stand when the Word of God is read out loud? How do we show reverence for God's Word without worshipping a book?
3. Have you known anyone whose joy was contagious, whose enthusiasm was infectious? Describe that person's personality.
  - a. What evidence do you see that God feels that kind of joy for you? Is the joy of the Lord your stronghold?
  - b. What can you do to increase or decrease the joy that God feels for you?
  - c. What can you do to increase your experience or appreciation of God's joy?
4. In what way are you metaphorically sojourning toward the new Jerusalem?
  - a. How do you celebrate God's provision for you as you sojourn toward the new and better promised land, the new heaven and new earth?
5. Do you have a tendency to interpret your life through the lens of the Bible or the Bible through the lens of your life?
6. What would change if you became convinced of the Lord's joy in you—if the joy of the Lord became your stronghold?
  - a. What keeps you from believing that the death of Christ on the cross is sufficient to pay the penalty for *all* your sin?