

# ROMANS 12:13

## REJOICE + WEEP

*Big Idea: Because Christ entered our world in love, believers must enter the joys and sorrows of others with genuine love.*

### CELEBRATE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE

- Why is it important to rejoice with others who are rejoicing, and what does that look like practically in the Christian life (e.g. 1 Corinthians 12:26b)?
- Why must we guard against envy when God blesses others in ways we might desire ourselves (e.g. James 3:14-16; Proverbs 14:30; Galatians 5:26)?
- How does the gospel free us from comparison so we can sincerely rejoice in another person's successes and blessings (e.g. Philippians 2:3-4)?
- What practical ways can we intentionally celebrate God's work in the lives of fellow believers instead of simply acknowledging it (e.g. Hebrews 10:24; Philippians 1:3-5)?
- When was the last time someone celebrated God's work in your life, and how did that encourage your faith? How can you do the same for someone else this week?

### CARRY THE SORROWS OF THOSE WHO WEEP

- Why is it important to weep with others who are weeping, and what does that look like practically in the Christian life (e.g. 1 Corinthians 12:26a)?
- Jesus knew He was about to raise Lazarus, yet He still wept. What does John 11:35 teach us about the heart of Christ and how believers should respond to hurting people?
- Why is our presence often more valuable than our words when people are grieving or suffering (e.g. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7)?
- How does bearing one another's burdens reflect the love of Christ and strengthen the unity of the church (e.g. Galatians 6:2)?
- Who in your life is hurting right now, and what would it look like to enter their pain rather than avoid it (e.g. Luke 10:33-37; John 13:34-35)?