



Regift: Part 2

Small Group Questions: Reigniting Joy

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Read

Luke 2:8–11; Galatians 5:22–23; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; James 1:2–3 ; John 15:10–11 and 16:24; Hebrews 12:1–2; Revelation 12:11, and 2 Corinthians 8:1–4

Reflect

In Luke 2:10, the angel of the Lord appears to shepherds in the field, saying, “...I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people.” We have access to a joy that cannot be touched by circumstances. The sacrifice of Christ made it available to us, but how often do we let go of it? Pastor Josh Walters gives us ways to have lasting joy. As you review them, consider which areas you might need to address most.

Receive it through:

1. The gift of salvation.
 - a. Have you accepted this gift that Christ offers? If not, what might be holding you back?
2. The presence of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Joy is one of the many fruit of the Spirit. Do you find that joy comes naturally to you?

Sustain it by:

1. Finding a great model.
 - a. Culture would have us believe joy can be found in the material world. Where have you sought joy in the past other than in Christ?
 - b. Who do you know that could serve as a good role model in an area you’d like to improve?
2. Facing your trials.
 - a. How hard is it to see your trials as opportunities?
3. Counting your blessings.
 - a. How has reviewing God’s blessings in your life encouraged you during difficult times?
4. Walking in obedience.
 - a. Is there an area of obedience that you might be avoiding or trying to manage on your own?
5. Maintaining focus.
 - a. Is it easier to concentrate on other things than facing a specific trial? Where is God calling you to be attentive?
6. Praying expectantly.
 - a. Whose future could you be praying into right now?

Regift it when you:

1. Share your story.
 - a. How willing are you to share the story of your life, including your vulnerabilities, failures, and weaknesses, if it could help others through something similar?
2. Sacrifice for someone else.
 - a. Where is God calling you to give of your time, talents or treasure?

Respond: What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?