

Sermon Notes

So That You May Have More Joy

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

What does joy mean?

Gladness and even excitement, like the kind of feeling you have when you are celebrating something

It's like the joy of having a child.

It's like the joy of finding a half million dollars.

What kinds of things can bring us joy?

Receiving the word of God can bring us joy.

(Acts 13:48, John 15:11, 7:13, Luke 8:11-13)

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(Acts 16:34, 15:3, also see Luke 15:7, 10, Matt. 13:44)

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(2 Corinthians 7:4, Philippians 2:17)

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(Philippians 2:12, 4:1, 3 John 4, also see Hebrews 13:17)

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Having prayers answered, can bring us joy.

(John 16:24)

Unity and selflessness care for one-another in the church can bring us joy. (Philippians 2:2-3)

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Joy appears to be prompted by the Holy Spirit, seemingly as a result of our obedience to God.

(Acts 13:52, Romans 14:17, Galatians 5:22)

Application questions for 12/13/15 sermon

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Did this sermon change the way you think about joy? How? Did the meaning of joy change for you? Did it change what things you thought bring joy?

Do you seek your joy primarily from spiritual things, or primarily from other things? What are those things?

(Make sure so make it to this question, and have everyone answer.)

Did you have conviction of something you want to do, based on the sermon? What is that, or those?

If not yet, how about thinking about it now?

(A list of things talked about in the sermon is at the bottom of the page.)

Of those things talked about in the sermon that can bring us joy, is there one that does especially bring you joy on a regular basis? Why/how?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?

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