

Joy in the Cross
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Hebrews 12:2 (Page # 927 in the Pew Bibles), "Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame."

1. Jesus' Joy _____ the Cross
 - a. Jesus Loved His _____ and Desired to _____ Him
 - b. Jesus Loved _____ and Desired to _____ Them

2. Our Joy as _____-Christ Followers
 - a. Jesus' _____-**Matthew 33:37-40**
 - i. Love God with All of Your _____
 - ii. Use _____ That You Have for _____

 - b. Our _____ - **2 Corinthians 5:21**
 - i. Redemption
 - ii. _____

Study Questions-Winter 2018: Week 9 of 11

(½ Hr. of Preparation before Connection Group, More is Optional)

Looking Up to God:

Read Joshua 4:1-7 and write some reflections about the passage below. This serves as an introduction to this week's video.

What does the Bible say about Joy? Read the following scriptures and makes some assessments about joy below: Romans 12:12, James 1:2-4, Psalm 118:24, Galatians 5:22, and John 16:22

True or False: Joy is a component of our faith, so lack of joy is a lack of faith.

Looking into Others:

Pastor Dana mentioned briefly joy robbers in his message this week. What is the greatest joy robber of the church today (Please circle one)?

1. Faith Problem
2. Greed
3. Idleness
4. Disobedience

This list is not exhaustive, what other joy robbers are there for the Christ follower?

Yes or No: Do you agree with the list?

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What is a take home or something that impacted your life from this week's worship service?

How is God working in your prayer circle?

Looking Out to Others:

How does joy or lack of joy affect Christ follower's mission to seek and save the lost?

What are the next steps in your group project and what needs to be done?

Looking into Myself (Private):

What can you do today to improve your expression of faith through joy? This could be a faith act, or a matter of being.