

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Dec 14-15, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

The Arrival of Joy

(Luke 1:39-41, John 3:27-29, Luke 7:20-22)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together Luke 1:39-41, John 3:27-29, and Luke 7:20-22.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Stetson's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How would you describe what it is to experience joy?

Throughout his message, Pastor Stetson shared that joy cannot be forced, but that it can (at least at times) be found.

What thoughts does this concept spark for you?

When have you experienced moments of joy?

If there are places you consistently find joy, share a bit about these places with the group.

Pastor Stetson highlighted two places John the Baptist found joy.

First, John experienced joy in the presence of Jesus. (Luke 1:39-41)

When has the presence of Jesus brought you joy?

If you cannot relate to Jesus being “with you,” or “showing up” in your life, share a bit about how this makes you feel.

Second, John experienced joy through sharing Jesus (and his love) with others. (John 3:27-29)

When have you experienced the joy of sharing who Jesus is with others?

When have you experienced the joy of sharing Jesus’ love with others?

If you struggle to understand how to help others experience Jesus, share a bit about this struggle.

Pastor Stetson also acknowledged how challenging it can be when joy does not seem to be present no matter where we look. (Luke 7:20-22, Isaiah 35)

When joy seems absent in your present circumstances, what promises of God can you lean into?

When joy seems absent, what moments of the past can help sustain you?

If you have gone through a barren time in your life and Jesus’ promises have helped you navigate this season, share a bit about this experience.

If you are currently in a season where joy seems absent, share what you are currently experiencing.

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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