

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of November 29-30, 2025

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

The Joy of Freedom

(Isaiah 9:1-7)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Isaiah 9:1-7.

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

What aspects of Pastor Nate'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 joy?

When do you experience joy?

Within this passage, Pastor Nate unpacks how the joy found in Jesus can free us from the challenging experiences of life.

First, the joy found in Jesus frees us from despair. (vs. 1-2)

Where are you currently experiencing despair?

How can the truth you find in Jesus help you amid this experience?

When has Jesus' presence helped pull you out of despair?

Second, the joy found in Jesus frees us from oppression. (vs. 3-4)

When, if ever, have you experienced a form of oppression?

In what ways has the truth of Jesus helped lift you out of this reality?

If you are presently experiencing oppression, what can Jesus offer you in this moment?

Third, the joy found in Jesus frees us from fear. (vs. 5)

What is currently causing you to experience fear?

If we are promised "peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14), what barriers are getting in the way of living in this peace?

How do you welcome Jesus into these places?

Fourth, the joy found in Jesus frees us from sin and death. (vs. 6-7)

Read together John 1:4-5 and Romans 8:2.

How fully are you embracing the promises of Jesus?

If a particular sin is weighing you down, what is stopping you from experiencing the grace of Jesus?

What steps, if any, are needed for you to fully live in the freedom God longs for you to experience?

If your time together has offered new insight into what joy is, share what you are feeling.

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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