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Living Water Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion

Joy

Introduction: It is easy to get caught up in the busyness of Christmas, which could cause us to miss the true Joy Christmas brings. The experiences of David in the old testament gives us an example that being in the presence of the Lord brings fullness of Joy. If the Joy of Christmas which is "Jesus" comes knocking at your door, will you miss it or give Him a place to stay? Our joy comes from being in the presence of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 16

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: When have you ever been in a place where you lost your joy? How did you find it?
2. Psalm 16 How has David's experiences played a role in his joy? How does your experiences play a role in your joy?
3. How does seeing God has delivered you give you joy?
4. Psalm 16:9 Who is David speaking of when he says, "Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure?
5. Psalm 16:11 What is the blessing one receives when in the presence of the Lord?
6. Read Luke 2:11 What is the real reason we can experience Joy today?
7. Read Matthew 2:1-2, 10 Why were the wisemen able to rejoice exceedingly with great Joy?
8. There's Joy in knowing Salvation has come and there's Joy in knowing what Salvation brings. When you reflect on these two statement how does it personally relate to your Joy?

Think About it:

Over the years it's the simple things that bring us Joy. What are some childhood memories that bring you Joy? Although it's a memory of my grandmothers tube socks, that makes me smile. The true reason I rejoice is knowing that someone taught me what the true meaning of Christmas was all about. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." The best gift anyone can receive is the gift of Salvation. "Merry Christmas"

Moving Forward:

Praise the king of glory each and every day. Meditate on His majestic power and strength. View all that you hear and read through the truth of God's sovereign control.

Reading Plan:

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Dec. 17 Psalm 5
Dec. 18 Psalm 16
Dec.19 Psalm 19
Dec. 20 Psalm 20
Dec. 21 Psalm 21
Dec. 22 Psalm 27
Dec. 23 Psalm 66