

THE CASE FOR JOY

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THE CASE FOR JOY, HAPPINESS, AND GLADNESS OF HEART

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**Your joy, and God's glory in your life,
Are not in opposition with one another.**

There are over 2,700 Scriptures that use words that describe joy in various words, such as happy, glad, blessed, merry, pleasure, celebration, cheer, laughter, delight, jubilation, etc. We see in Scripture God's own happiness and delight over His redeemed people and His creation, as well as His desire to His creation find delight and joy.

Philippians 4.4 // Isaiah 52.7

FINDING JOY

EVERY HUMAN...

1. Lacks joy
2. Desires joy
3. Will do anything they think will bring joy
4. Has great difficulty actually finding joy

GOD...

1. Is joyful and is the source of joy
2. Desires for you to be joyful
3. Has done everything necessary for your joy
4. Shows us how to find real joy even now

1 Timothy 1.11 // 2 Corinthians 6.10

Those who are beloved of the Lord must be the most happy and joyful people to be found anywhere upon the face of the earth.

- C.H. Spurgeon

God has no design upon us, but to make us happy. Who should be cheerful, if not the people of God?

-Thomas Watson

HOW DO WE LIVE FOR AND IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

Every believer ultimately chose to follow Jesus because they saw that He was good and true, and they knew that He would bring the best end and result to their life. They chose Him because they saw His ultimate worth, and knew that He would bring true happiness.

In other words, they looked at the overall context of life, and saw that in Him, real life, joy, and gladness could only be found in Him. But somehow along the way, Christianity became about morality and law-keeping, rather than beholding and loving and being in awe of the God who saved us.



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Acts 2:46-47

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before you begin, have people in your group share this week's **memory verse** with each other.

Read **John 15:11**. What stood out to you the most from Sunday's sermon?

Read **Psalms 71:22-23** What has David seen and what is he believing that causes him respond this way? Now read **Psalms 72:20**. Has his life been easy or smooth sailing causing this response? _____

Jobey talked about things that cheapen our joy and happiness. This happens when we look for happiness and joy in the wrong places. What are some things that you depend on for joy? Read **Romans 1:25**. How should we respond to this sharp truth? _____

When we look at our lives and our failures it's easy to become disheartened and that can threaten our joy, but are we to boast in what we have done or what we can do? Read **Galatians 6:14**, **John 16:33** and read **Psalms 92:1-4**. Instead of asking 'what' is our joy to be dependent on, 'who' should our joy be dependent on? _____

Read **Psalms 34:8** and **2 Corinthians 6:10**. Reflect on these verses with one another and discuss ways you may encourage one another throughout the week. _____

End group with praying for one another using the **P.R.A.Y.** model. **Preach** the Gospel to yourself, **Repent** of any sin, then **Ask** and last end with Thanksgiving and **Yield** to His will.



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