

SORROW INTO JOY

John 16:16-24 // July 25, 2021

NO LONGER, AND AGAIN

The disciples were confused about his departure and now even more confused because he is now telling them that he is coming back.

He knows when we are lonely. He knows when we are fearful. He knows when we are worn out. He knows when we are ready to quit. He knows when we are losing sleep over something. Jesus knows! Your heavenly Father knows.

Psalm 139:1-4 // Hebrews 4:14-16

TEMPORARY SORROW

Jesus was able to tell his disciples that their sorrow was going to soon be turning into joy, because he knew what was coming.

God's work was not to replace their sorrow with joy, but to turn their sorrow into joy.

Your sorrow itself shall be turned into joy. Not the sorrow to be taken away, and joy to be put in its place, but the very sorrow which now grieves you shall be turned into joy. God not only takes away the bitterness and gives sweetness in its place, but turns the bitterness into sweetness itself. -Charles Spurgeon

Mark 16:10 // Matthew 28:8 // Psalm 30:5 // Hebrews 12:2

SECURE JOY

Because of the resurrection of Christ, our joy can be great and everlasting. We can know wholeheartedly that the atonement was made and there was victory!

Christ wants us to know we have victory through him.

1 Corinthians 15:57 // Romans 8:37-39 // Psalm 33:20-22



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Jeremiah 32:17

Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 16:16-24**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Based on how Christ knew about the disciples worry and confusion, what do you think he knows about your troubles? Jesus promises his disciples that he will turn their temporary sorrow into everlasting joy. How does this truth comfort you in your sorrows? Do you believe they will turn into joy?

Your Life Mission

What relationships or conversations are upcoming that you could use prayer for?

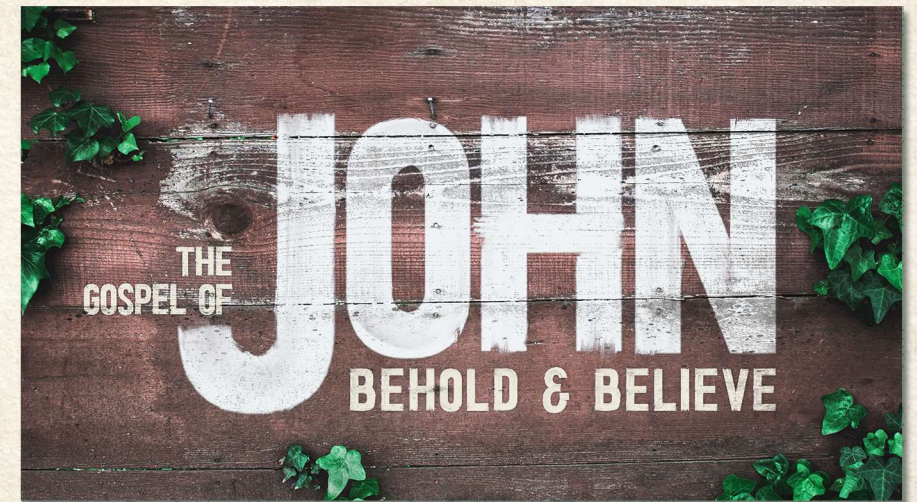
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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