

DIFFERENT

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Joy Quiz

- How do you define joy?
- What is the difference between joy & happiness?
- Why is joy important as a follower of Jesus?
- Would you consider yourself to be a person who is joyful in Jesus?
- Would others consider you to be a joyful person?

Joy - a state of well-being that is DEPENDENT on Jesus, who He is & following His ways, rather than on who we are or what is happening around us. Joy is a purposely made choice. It's DELIBERATE & intentional. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Happiness happens to us. Happiness is about circumstances happening that we like.

Big Idea

The one who believes in & loves Jesus will be filled with an INEXPRESSIBLE & GLORIOUS joy. | Peter 1:8-12

How the Follower Experiences Joy

I. FAITH | Peter 1:8-9, Hebrews 11:1-6, John 20:29

- Those who believe, though they have not seen Jesus, are BLESSED.
- The blessing is an INEXPRESSIBLE & GLORIOUS joy.

II. SALVATION | Peter 1:10-12

- Joy RESULTS from RECEIVING the goal of faith, the salvation of your soul.

III. Fruit of the SPIRIT

- Joy is a FRUIT of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23

Joy Sees Beyond

Joy sees what God is up to. This perspective, rather than what is presently being experienced, is what is supposed to GOVERN the OUTLOOK of the follower of Christ. Hebrews 12:2

Reflection Questions

- What could be the problem if you are lacking joy?
- Do you model joy for others?
- Can a depressed person still have joy?
- What do we learn from King David about how sin can block joy? Psalm 51
- Do you see what God is up to in your life & does this perspective then govern your outlook so that you have joy?

Practice Joy

The Bible commands the people of God to PRACTICE joy. Psalm 100

Conclusion

 Nehemiah 8:8-10

As a follower of Jesus, your joy is grounded on the forgiving goodness of God. This joy is your STRENGTH.

THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

FAMILY DEDICATION MEETING

If you would like to dedicate your child during our Family Dedication Service, on Saturday, October 1, we invite you to come to a 30-minute meet & greet time **Sunday, September 18**, at 11 a.m. in Room 220. You'll hear GracePoint's purpose for the Family Dedication Service, meet other families & take home a dedication card to fill out for your child. Please register at gpw.church/dedication or email Pastor Ryan at rkoltiska@gracepointwesleyan.org with any questions.

20s DINER

College students & young adults, interested in a FREE meal? Come to 20s Diner Sunday, September 25 after second & third service in the Great Room. Bring a friend!

BROOKINGS COUNTY YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

BCYMP is gearing up for New Mentor Training on Sunday, September 25 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. here in the Activity Center. Consider being matched with a K-12 student; there are 50+ mentees waiting to be matched. That's 50+ kids who are actively asking for a caring, supportive adult, like You, to be a part of their lives!

BCYMP will fully train, equip & match you with a student in the Brookings area. You just commit to meet with your mentee 1 hour a week for 1 school year. BCYMP will even help out with providing a place to meet or suggesting ideas for activities to do together. Contact bcymp@bcymmentoring.org with questions or to find out how you can be a part of this important work!