

Every Good Gift – Joy

Accompanies the 11/28/21 Sermon

The Gift of Joy

The popular Christmas song “Joy to the World” was written by Issacs Watts. It was a hymn that expressed the joy that we have because the Christ has been born. As we come to this season let us remember that the Christ has come so let us rejoice because of this good news.

GETTING STARTED

Use the following questions to break the ice and begin your group discussion together:

- How was your Thanksgiving? Where did you see moments of joy over that week?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.



Have someone in your group **Luke 1:5-25 & 39-45** and **Isaiah 9:2-4**

Read all three scriptures versus. Reflect on them for a moment individually before moving into today’s discussion

- What about the verse in Isaiah stood out to you?
- What about the verses in Luke stood out to you?
- How does the verse in Isaiah effect how your read this section of Luke?
- Why was John’s birth something to rejoice? Why was it good news?
- What was Zachariah and Elizabeth’s response to the messenger’s news?
- Discuss the joy that Elizabeth and her baby experienced when Mary came into her home.

GETTING PRACTICAL

1. What stood out to you about this week's message on this topic?
 - a. Why did you find that so impactful?
2. How has God brought you joy in this past year?
3. It's easy to have joy when times are good but much more difficult when things are challenging. What are the areas, hard or messy, that you could be experiencing some more joy in?
4. How can the good news of Jesus bring us joy in those challenging places?