

Grace Group Discussion Guide

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John 16:16-33

Synopsis:

1. From Sorrow to Joy
2. From Anguish to Access
3. From Fear to Courage

Questions:

1. Read John 16:20-22, What does Jesus describe to be the foundation of the believers' joy?
2. Why should joy be such a focus of the believer? Read John 15:11, 16:22, & 17:33
3. How can fellow believers encourage one another to be joyful when it is difficult? Why can the Christian persevere through hardship unlike the world?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:8, 9; How can we follow in Paul's example?
5. Why should access to the Lord in prayer aid the believer in joy and contentment?
6. What causes so many Christians to neglect the discipline of prayer?
7. What gives the believer courage knowing they will go through persecution and hardship? Read 16:33, who is saying these things to the disciples?
8. How can meditating on the reality that Christ is in you make you bold for Christ? Once again read John 16:33.

Prayer Suggestion:

- Pray that the word of God fell on soft hearts this past weekend and strengthened our valley to walk in holiness and glorify our God who is in heaven.
- Pray that our Church would live with joy and comfort reminding one another that Jesus has overcome the world
- Pray for Bruce Johnson who is recovering from open heart surgery
- Pray for Annalouise and Jackson Huckabay who is bedridden due to being in preterm labor, that the Lord would watch over their child in her womb!

Missions Prayer Requests: Hurley's in Uganda

- Pray that God will continue to expand our SOS team by calling other godly, like-minded missionaries and Ugandans (professors, teachers, and high-capacity leaders) alongside us.
- Pray that God will put His protective hand over each missionary family in this ministry, keeping each member safe from the potential dangers of living in a developing country.
- Pray that our local church really steps up its discipleship game now that it is in its new building.
- Pray that God will give us wisdom in carrying out the next phase of our ministry: church planting.
- Pray that God will save our extended family as some of them have hard hearts.
- Pray that God will provide wisdom to Danielle and I regarding how to firmly love and lead the many young people the Lord has entrusted into our home.