



Discussion Guide: Living Out of the Story of Jesus

Passage: Philippians 2:12-18

Big Idea: When You Become More Like Jesus, You'll Shine with Resilient Joy.

Discussion Questions

1. What is your default way of pursuing spiritual growth apart from the Spirit? Passive growth? Striving growth? How does growth as a response to God's love reshape how you seek to grow?
2. To become a joyful person, we must resist the urge to grumble or dispute...and instead bring our pain to God with lament. What's the difference between those? What do you need to lament with God?
3. Becoming a joyful person will always involve a journey through the wilderness where God helps us learn to trust in His care for us. What have wilderness seasons looked like for you? Where was God in those times?
4. The primary way we become joyful people is through "holding fast to the Word of Life". How can you hold fast to the "Word of Life" (attachment to Jesus and gratitude for His work and promises)?

At the end, take some time to pray for one another in smaller groups.