

JOY

Joy is the response to the work of God- His Creation, Redemption, and Kingdom. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. All those who believe have joy. Joy works in our everyday. Let's celebrate God for the joy He brings to our lives. Where so much of this world is temporary- joy is from the Lord and everlasting

DAY 1: JOY IN SALVATION

Read: Luke 15:1-7; Psalm 51:10-12; Acts 15:3

Reflect/Pray: Joy starts with salvation. You should be joyful and celebrate what the Lord has done in your life to save you from sin and the promise of eternal life with Him! Reflect on the moment you came to know Christ. How did it feel? What was the change in your life? How do you continue to be joyful and celebrate your salvation? Who in your life are you praying for and waiting to celebrate their own confession of faith? Praise God for His Grace and Mercy to save us from our sin. Pray for those in your life who have not put their faith in Jesus Christ.

DAY 2: JOY THROUGH TRIALS AND SUFFERING

Read: Philippians 4:4-8; James 1:2-4

Reflect/Pray : We all know suffering- it is a consequence of sin and the brokenness of the world. Our eternal salvation through Jesus doesn't stop the suffering of this world, but it changes how we experience it. The joy we have in Christ is not determined by our circumstances, but comes from the salvation found through belief in Jesus. What does joy in the midst of trials and suffering look like for you? What is a trial you are currently going through? How do you surrender those to God? Spend time in prayer and wrestling with God on how your trials produce faith and steadfastness.

DAY 3: JOYFUL CELEBRATION

Read: Psalm 150; Nehemiah 8:10; Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

Reflect & Pray : What are you joyful about? What are you celebrating? Is there a special way you can celebrate this week and share that celebration with your House Church? Spend time in worship, prayer, and thanksgiving for what the Lord has done.

DAY 4: THE JOY OF THE LORD

Read: John 15:1-7

Reflect & Pray: Joy is not a feeling like happiness or sadness that changes due to the circumstances around us. If joy comes from the Lord, how do we stay rooted in that joy? What is the relationship between joy and obedience? What is one thing you can do to stay rooted in joy this week, and who can you share that with? Spend time abiding with God. Let your mind wander. Talk to Him Pray and journal what comes to mind. Enjoy the unhurried time with God.

Day 5: Everlasting Joy

Read: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Revelations 5:11-12

Reflect & Pray: Joy is not just for this life, but for your eternal life through Jesus. We rejoice in our promised inheritance, and our eternal life that we will have with our Father, praising and worshipping His name. Let's enjoy doing today, what we are going to do for eternity. How do you have joy for both today and for the kingdom? Praise God for His Love and Mercy. Pray for those who do not have this everlasting joy, that they will repent, believe, and be saved.

Day 6: Delight

Read Psalm 104 and spend time in prayer and delight with God

Day 7: Community

Read Psalm 105 and spend time with your community