



Message Outline

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Philippians 1:3-6; 3:17; 4:4

Uncommon JOY

Series: UNCOMMON – *Cultivating Spiritual Character*

"Joy is the serious business of heaven." ~ C.S. Lewis

NORMAL JOY

Luke 1:14; 19:6; 37

- God introduces His joy through circumstances

NEXT LEVEL JOY

*2 Corinthians 7:4;
1 Thessalonians 1:6; James 1:2*

- Elevate joy by cherishing your salvation

Luke 10:20; Psalm 51:12

- Generate joy through gratitude

Philippians 1:3-4

- Borrow future joy linked to God's promises

Philippians 1:5-6; Hebrew 12:2

- Spread joy through spiritual influence

Philippians 3:17; 4:4



HomeGroup Questions

Fall Session 2018

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1. What type of laughter are you: Quiet smile, guffaw, snicker, whole body shaker, boisterous, nasal, other?
2. C. S. Lewis said, "Joy is the serious business of heaven." Would you agree? What do you think that means?
3. Read Philippians 1:1-8 and 4:4. Like Sunday's message, the theme of the Book of Philippians is Joy. What part of the message hit home with you and why?
4. Doug said that God uses circumstantial joy to whet our appetites for a deeper joy in Him. What would you consider one of the happiest days of your life? When was that joy interrupted? What event happened after that event that brought you back down to earth?
5. Review Philippians 1:3-6. What transferable ingredients does Paul include in his prayer that you can utilize in your own prayers?
6. We know from the Bible that a person can experience God's joy in trouble. But is it realistic to expect them to always be joyful? Explain how someone might incorporate the command to "rejoice always" (Philippians 4:4) with the reality of everyday pressures.
7. Which of the four aspects of next-level joy (bottom of the outline) would you benefit most from focusing on this week? Why?
8. What future joy (based upon God's promises) can you "borrow" right now? Give several examples.
9. Take time to share prayer requests and pray together. Remember to save time to actually talk to God about these requests rather than simply expressing them to one another.