



Go Deeper Study Guide

Jesus: The Joyful Face Of Transformation |

Various Scriptures

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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org; [Twitch](#) or [YouTube](#) (cbcventura)

Going Deeper

What was proposed in the sermon as a new working definition of *joy*? What are your thoughts/reactions? Has this proved true in your experience?

Read the following passages: **Numbers 6:24-26**; **Psalm 16:11**; **21:6**; **51:11-12** & **89:15**. Now, reword them using the proposed definition of joy. Is there a difference in how you hear these words, how you receive this truth?

Knowing how the brain processes things, explain how *images* can be more formative than words? How does Jesus' teaching highlight the importance of this?

What were the 3 **transformative images of joy** discussed in the sermon? Can you relate? What has been your experience?

Read **John 3:29**, **2 Corinthians 3:18** & **1 John 3:2**. Relate these passages in terms of **marriage** and the **Second Coming**. What insights on joy do these verses give us?

Does joy *remove* **pain** & **suffering**? Explain. How does joy transform pain/suffering?

Discuss the importance of **community** (next week's topic) as it relates to suffering. What does it mean to be *relationally connected*? Why is this important?

Application

Action step this week: Develop a list of **10 memories** that make you feel **grateful** & **connected** to God in that moment. Name each. Meditate on these 5-10 minutes daily!

Prayer

How can your group pray for you?