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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why.
- 2 Pastor Jeremy talked about how our joy can be robbed by bad things that shouldn't happen or by good things that don't happen that should. Which of these two impact you more and why?
- 3 Read Hebrews 10:34. In your own words, how does the joy described in this passage relate to the message that culture tells us about joy and happiness?
- 4 Pastor Jeremy encouraged everyone to write down what they are asking God for this season and to write down the answers. What are you praying for this season, and what would fill you with the most joy?
- 5 Read Philippians 4:4-8. In your own words, what do you think Peace and Joy have in common? According to the passage, what must you do this week in order to experience Joy that overflows out of you?
- 6 How can we be praying for you this week?



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Upcoming Events

- 12.04 | Christmas Nights with Central Live
- 12.11 | Classic Praise
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday
- 12.17 | Angel Tree Christmas Event
- 12.22 - 12.24 | Christmas Eve Services



Unwrapped

Christmas Series



Choosing Joy

Dr. Jeremy McGarity

Luke 2:8-20

"Always be joyful." - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 (NLT)

I. WHAT STEALS OUR JOY?

- _____ things happen that shouldn't.
- _____ things don't happen that should.
- _____ losing to the _____.
- Focusing on the _____.
- _____.

1 Remember: Joy is a _____.

2 Joy must be _____.

II. THREE CHOICES THAT RESULT IN JOY

1 CHOOSE TO _____ THE GOOD NEWS.

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'"

LUKE 2:10 (NIV)

Greek: χαράν = Joy: Deep inward feeling, expressed by outward evidence.

"I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is God's powerful method of bringing all who believe it to heaven... now everyone is invited to come to God in this same way."

ROMANS 1:16 (LB)

"When troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy."

JAMES 1:2 (NLT)

"...you even had joy when all that you owned was taken from you, because you knew you had something better and more lasting."

HEBREWS 10:34 (NCV)

2 CHOOSE TO _____ ON WHAT GOD SAYS.

"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'"

LUKE 2:15 (NIV)

"The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living."

PSALM 19:8 (NLT)

"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

JOHN 16:24 (NIV)

3 CHOOSE TO _____.

"When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child..."

LUKE 2:17 (NIV)

"...with joy they should tell what He has done."

PSALM 107:22b (ICB)

"I tell you there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes his heart and life, than over ninety-nine good people who don't need to change."

LUKE 15:7 (NCV)

"Be full of joy in the Lord always. I will say again, be full of joy."

PHILIPPIANS 4:4 (NCV)