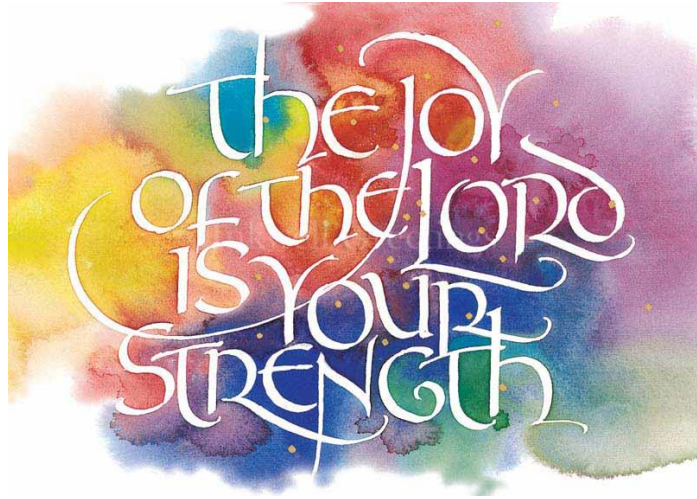


Living Connections Bible Study



Christian Joy

Prayer

Icebreaker: Take a few minutes to discuss the difference between happiness and joy.

1. Who and what is the great source of the believer's joy? Luke 2:10-11

2. What do the following verses teach us about the Christian life?

John 10:10, Romans 14:17, Philippians 4:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:16 & Galatians 5:22

3. What is the key to fullness of joy? Psalm 16:11

4. What common hindrance to joy do we find in the following two verses?

Psalm 66:18 & Isaiah 59:2

5. What, then, should be one of the first things we do when we are not experiencing the joy of the Lord in our lives? 1 John 1:9 & Psalm 32:1-5

6. Trace the upward progression of David's thoughts from oppression to joy in

Psalm 32:5, 7, 10-11.

verse 5 = _____

verse 7 = _____

verses 10-11 = _____

7. When the Lord disciplines us, it often causes us to lose our joy. How can the truths of Hebrews 12:5-11 help us regain our joy in the Lord when we are being disciplined?

8. What reasons do we have to rejoice during difficult times of trial?

Romans 5:1-5, James 1:2-4, Romans 8:28

9. How can Romans 15:13 help us appropriate the promise of Romans 8:28?

Think about this week

Read the following passages and explain what it means to take the long-range view and how this increases our joy in life.

1 Peter 1:6-7 _____

Hebrews 10:34-37 _____

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 _____
