



## Week 2 – Joy

**Text:** John 1:19–34; Philippians 4:4–9

**Topic(s):** Joy, Advent, Jesus’s Birth, Promises

**Bottom Line:** True Joy is Found in Jesus Christ

**NextStep:** 1. Know His Joy 2. Live His Joy

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is your favorite Christmas song and why?
2. Joy:
  - a. What does the word *joy* mean to you?
  - b. In what ways do people long or strive for joy?
  - c. Why does joy seem so far out of reach?
3. John the Baptist was the forerunner to Jesus the Messiah, telling people to return God.
  - a. Why was it important for him to tell others to follow Jesus?
  - b. Who was the person or people who told you about Jesus?
  - c. How did they point you toward the joy of following him?
4. [Read John 1:24-28](#). John describes his joy for Jesus, yet he also feels unworthy to know Him.
  - a. Have you ever felt great joy and unworthy at the same time? Explain
5. Bottom Line: True Joy is found in Jesus Christ.
  - a. Is this true? How do you know?
6. NextStep: Know His Joy. [Read Psalm 16:11](#).
  - a. What does it look like to be in God’s presence and experience His joy?
7. NextStep: Live His Joy. [Read Hebrews 12:1-2](#)
  - a. What does a life lived in God’s joy look like?

### Breakout Question:

1. What is one way you might give the gift of joy this season?
2. How can we pray for you?