

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

List some things that make you happy:

How do or could these things compete with finding joy in Christ?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

What is one thing in your life that you tend to run to for happiness more than you run to Christ for joy? It could be a person, an activity, a possession, a place, a job, etc...

4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Write out a prayer surrendering your happiness idol to the Lord and committing to spend more time and energy pursuing joy in Christ than the things of this world.



JESUS GIVES JOY

December 17, 2017

Matthew 2:1-12

I. When I _____ Jesus I find joy. – v. 1-2

II. When I _____ without Jesus I forfeit joy. – v. 3-8

III. When I enter His _____ joy overflows. – v. 9-12

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Our forefathers said we have a God-given right to pursue happiness. So why can't we find it?

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Share a story from your life when you worked really hard to get or achieve something. How did you feel afterward? Was it everything you dreamed it would be?

Read Matthew 2:1-12. Everyone wants to be happy. What did each character in this story look to for happiness/joy? How did this impact their response to Jesus?

What does the Wise Men's long journey and commitment to finding the baby King reveal about their lives and hearts? When the Wise Men finally found Jesus and experienced true joy, how did they respond?

**EVER _____ HAPPINESS IS DESIGNED
TO DRIVE ME TO _____ JOY.**

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$2,883.00

This Month: \$10,272.00

Last Month: \$16,440.00

Monthly Budget: \$13,823.00



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