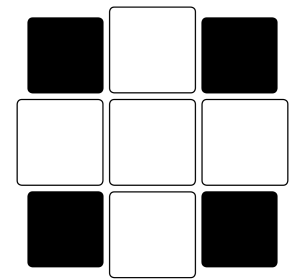


The Joy of Jesus

Scripture: **Luke 10:21–24**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

Oftentimes, Christians miss out on the true joy of the Holy Spirit and instead settle on lesser joys. Some of these lesser joys are characterized by fake happiness, where we falsely give an outward impression that we're happy and everything is fine, when truly we're not. Or perhaps we focus on the wrong kind of joy, such as our state-of-the-art church building or our growing church attendance. There are of course many worldly joys that are appropriate to celebrate, and we have many opportunities to give thanks to God for allowing us to experience these worldly joys. However, we must be careful not to neglect and miss out on the joy of the Holy Spirit, since there is no true spiritual life apart from the Holy Spirit. This can happen when we're too focused on temporary joys rather than eternal joy. As followers of Christ, we should behold the work of God in creation and redemption and be joyful of the ways He seeks to accomplish His will in our life. **It is only when we see the work of God in and among us will we experience the joy of the Holy Spirit.**

Corroborating Texts

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it often tempting to give the impression to others that we're happy if we're truly not? What do you think drives this motivation?
2. Joe framed his sermon around these 3 questions: Why is Jesus so happy? What is God doing? Do you see what God is doing? Discuss among your group some things they see God is currently doing in our world, in our church, and in their own lives.
3. The word rejoice denotes an intense, expressive joy, or exultation. As Joe mentioned, it's a joy that you can't keep to yourself. What are some worldly (but good) things you rejoice in that you can't keep to yourself? What might keep you from rejoicing in the work that God is doing in your life or might compel you to keep it to yourself?=
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4. Are you currently experiencing the joy of the Holy Spirit? Why or why not? Are you focusing more on temporal joys or eternal joy? Has the work of God moved or humbled you lately?
5. Joe concluded his sermon with these 3 directives: **Pray expectantly, participate, and give thanks.** In order to cultivate the joy of the Holy Spirit, what are some specific actions you can take for each of these 3 directives? How can these actions become a catalyst for change and for joy in your life?