



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: December 17, 2023

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) What do you think it means to have joy in Jesus?
- 3) Read Luke 2:8-14 together.
- 4) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 5) What do you think the angel meant when he announced to the shepherds that the birth of Jesus would bring "good news of great joy that will be for all the people?"
- 6) Do you think our culture perceives Jesus and the message of christianity as a source joy? Explain.
- 7) In James 1:2, the Bible instructs us to consider it "all joy" when we are going through trials. How is this possible? How can we have joy in Jesus in the midst of hard times?
- 8) Discuss this definition of joy that John Piper gives us:

"Christian joy is a good feeling in soul produced by the Holy Spirit as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the world."
- 9) Read Galatians 5:22 and John 16:13-14 together. What part does the Holy Spirit play in helping produce joy in our lives?
- 10) How is joy possible according to John 15:11?
- 11) Do you have any other thoughts on joy that you'd like to share?
- 12) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.