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DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



To understand how Jesus fills our lives with joy and provides us with joy that lasts.

ICE BREAKER



What was your most memorable Christmas gift from your childhood?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Isaiah 9:3

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: The coming of Christ is the light of joy.

Key Question: How does Jesus fill our lives with joy?

1. Jesus grows his family.
2. Jesus brings us to a table of celebration.
3. Jesus gives us forever joy.

DISCUSSION



- This week's passage is about Jesus and how he fills our lives with joy. How would you define joy? Where do you find the most joy in your life?

- Isaiah 9:3 tells us that through the work of Jesus Christ, the family of God grows as he desires to reconcile everyone to himself. How can you partner with Christ in the work to grow the family of God?
- Isaiah speaks of a joyful harvest in verse 3, which we have seen today, accomplished through Jesus' work on the cross for us. And Jesus invites us to celebrate this harvest with him and others in the faith. How can we practically celebrate the harvest of God's kingdom together as a church family? What does it look like for you to personally celebrate with Jesus?
- In this passage Isaiah prophesied Jesus who came in human flesh, lived the perfect life and won the decisive victory on the cross that brings us ultimate, everlasting joy (see Colossians 2:11-15). Are you currently experiencing joy in your relationship with Jesus? If so, where do you find the most joy? If not, what steps can you take to increase that joy?
- Read Nehemiah 8:9-12. Discuss some ways that you can show and share the joy of the Lord during this holiday season.

LIFE APPLICATION



This week's passage speaks to the joy that Jesus provides and to the celebration that should result from the work he has done on the cross! As a group, discuss how you can celebrate together as a group this holiday season and how you might be able to share the joy of Christ with others outside of your group.

jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


