



# SERMON NOTES

"Joyride: Finding Joy in Places it Shouldn't be Found"  
Week Four: People That Steal Joy  
Philippians 1:15-18

- Why would they do this? (vs. 15-17)

- What should we do about it? (v. 18)

## 1. Adjust our **EXPECTATIONS**

- There will always be **CONTENTIOUS** Christians

But as for you, ye thought evil against me;  
but God meant it unto good... Genesis 50:20

## 2. Fulfill our **CALLING**

- The goal of the enemy is to **SILENCE** you
- **UNCONDITIONAL** love cannot exist when all of the **CONDITIONS** are met

## 3. Determine to **REJOICE**

- In essentials, **UNITY**
- In non-essentials, liberty.
- In all things, **CHARITY**

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# LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of September 29, 2019

## MY STORY

Over the last few weeks, we've been talking about painful times. What was a time that you hurt yourself while doing something stupid?

Josh talked about balloons bringing children joy. What is an item that you possess that brings you joy?

If you had to give an abbreviated version of this weekend's message, what is one thought or idea that you would include no matter what?

## DIGGING DEEPER

The first point of the message was to "Adjust our expectations." What is it that we should "expect?" What difference does it make if I do, or do not, expect this?

We talked on Sunday about people that steal our joy by saying/doing hurtful things. Can you think of a time that you were guilty of doing this? Why did you do it?

Read Philippians 1:15-18 and list the 6 "wrong" motivations/goals of those that were preaching Christ. After identifying them, talk about a time that you saw one of these happen.

It is dangerous to try to determine someone's motives. Read Romans 14:3-5 and 14:12-13 and talk about how it applies to the "difficult" people in our lives.

One statement from Sunday was, "Don't let a misguided Christian stop you from fulfilling your calling." Talk about a time that you allowed this to happen.

Philippians 1:17 says that one group preached Christ "in love." Read John 13:34 and talk about how we can love "difficult" people in the way that Jesus loves us.

Read Philippians 1:18. How was Paul "practicing what he preached" about love in I Corinthians 13:6?

How would you explain the phrase, "In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity?"

## TAKING IT HOME

Which of the three points from the message is the most difficult for you?

We talked about how our calling, as believers, is to "preach Christ." What are some ways that we can fulfill this calling?

Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?