



SERMON NOTES

"Joyride: Finding Joy in Places it Shouldn't be Found"
Week Five: The Purpose Statement of Joy
Philippians 1:19-26

- The purpose statement of joy:
 - **CHRIST SHALL BE** MAGNIFIED
 - Paul was not preoccupied with finding JOY. He was preoccupied with seeing JESUS.
 - How to magnify Christ:
 1. TALK about Jesus - vs. 1-18
 - BRAG on Him
 - Ask other how you can PRAY for them
 - Talk about God's ability and PROMISES
 2. THINK about Jesus - vs. 19-20
 - Be LOOKING for Him
 - Be LISTENING to Him
 3. TELL OTHERS about Jesus - vs. 21-26
 - Jesus
 - Others
 - You
 - Prioritize MINISTRY
 - Let them see JESUS in you
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LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of October 6, 2019

MY STORY

On Sunday, we talked about things that went "viral." Take out your phone and share your favorite video or image. For sake of time, keep it under 30 seconds. Tell us what you like most about the thing you shared.

Tell us about a time that something funny happened to you...and you're thankful that no one was recording it.

Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?

DIGGING DEEPER

Take a minute to silently read Philippians 1:20. Now summarize this verse in your own words.

"Magnify" means "to make great, or to enlarge." Other than Jesus, what are some things that we tend to "magnify" in our lives?

The "purpose statement of joy" is "Christ shall be magnified." What are some things that keep us from "magnifying" Christ?

Read Psalm 34:1-6 and talk about what it says about how to magnify God.

Paul said in Philippians 1:21 "to live is Christ." How does the world compete with this according to I John 2:16?

Read I Peter 2:11-12 and talk about how these verses build upon I John 2:16.

Paul made it clear that it was "better" for him to "depart" and go to heaven. Read Philippians 1:23-26 and talk about what his motivations were for wanting to stay on this earth a little longer.

Can you think of a person that has had this kind of desire to help you? Can you think of a person that you need to "pour into" like this? Why is it so difficult for us to desire these kinds of discipleship/mentoring relationships?

TAKING IT HOME

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

Can you think of any ways in which the last few weeks have stretched, added to, or redefined your personal understanding of joy?

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