



SERMON NOTES

"Joyride: Finding Joy in Places it Shouldn't be Found"
Week Six: Priority of the Gospel
Philippians 1:27

- "Our greatest fear should not be of FAILURE, but of SUCCEEDING at things that don't really matter."

1. Define the MEANING of the Gospel

- The Gospel of Christ is the "good news" of His DEATH, BURIAL, and RESURRECTION.

2. DECLARE the message of the Gospel

- The message of the Gospel is that God provided the way for man to be FREED from the PENALTY of sin.

3. Determine to MEDITATE on the Gospel

- In Christ, God is deeply SATISFIED with you.
- Lasting joy is not found in the SUCCESSSES of performance. It is found in the audacity of ACCEPTANCE.

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LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of October 13, 2019

MY STORY

What is the funniest thing you did as a kid that your parents still talk about to this day?

Josh talked about his odd habit of being a "phone walker." What weird habits do you have?

What's one thing from this week's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

Tell us the story about how you came to understand the message of the Gospel. (share your testimony of salvation)

DIGGING DEEPER

I Corinthians 15 defines the gospel of Christ as Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. What are some ways that the modern church confuses the gospel? What are some things that the modern church confuses for the gospel?

Locate the five times the word "gospel" is found in Philippians 1. Talk about what is being said about the gospel in each of those verses.

In v. 27, Paul said that his desire was for the church to "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." What is a good example of this happening in our day? What is a bad example of this happening?

Read I Cor. 9:20-23. What was Paul doing in these verses? Why was he doing it?

Read Eph. 6:18-20. How did Paul ask them to pray for him? What can we learn from this request?

Which is easier for you: Declaring the message of the Gospel to others or determining to meditate on the Gospel for yourself? Why?

What do these phrases mean to you? "In Christ, God is deeply satisfied with you." "Lasting joy is not found in the successes of performance. It is found in the audacity of acceptance."

TAKING IT HOME

What would it look like for you to make the Gospel more a priority in your life?

Is there someone that God has put on your heart that you need to talk with about the gospel?

Do you have any thought patterns that need to be brought in line with the Gospel? (things that lead you to believe you are not accepted by God through Christ)