

LifeGroup Study SheetDec 4th, 2022 – The Weary World Rejoices

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing and leading your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Can you think of a time in your life when circumstances were cause for joy, but you were too weary or tired to see the cause for joy? How do you react or act when you are exhausted? What things typically can help you keep proper perspective? What about spiritually speaking?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Philippians 2:5-9. One of the reasons we have a reason to rejoice in a weary world is because Jesus came to earth as the God-Man. This means that God became human without losing any of his divinity. Jesus was fully God and fully man, but willingly laid aside or did not use to his advantage his divine privileges. Why do you think this matters? How does Jesus' humility show you what true joy looks like? Has there ever been a time you have "laid aside" your status, position, or attributes to serve someone else?

Question 2: Read John 8:12 and Matthew 11:28-30. Jesus came to this earth as Light. Why did Jesus claim that He was light and how does that relate to being weary? What does Jesus say in John 8 about light and what it leads to? Light in the Old Testament always was the symbolic correlation to true salvation.

Read Exodus 25:37, Psalms 27:1, Isaiah 9:2.

Relate what that light is and how it brings you rest amid weariness.

Question 3: Read Philippians 2:1-5. It is no secret that our world is seeking hope, rest and meaning. Pastor Jeff shared startling statistics about our world falling into deeper and deeper darkness. Our world is weary. How does this passage in Philippians show Christians what Jesus is asking his followers to do to bring "rejoicing" in our world? Is it possible? How do verses 1-5 give us the blueprint?

Question 4: Read Philippians 2:7. Jesus showed the world that the greatest thing you can do for a weary, hopeless world is to take the form of a servant. How can you “lay aside your own interests” this week and serve someone with the humility of Christ?

Read **2 Corinthians 8:9** to help answer that question.

Taking it Home

Reflect on **Philippians 2:14-16**. Focus on two things in prayer:

- Shine as Lights in the world
- Hold fast to the Word of Life.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?