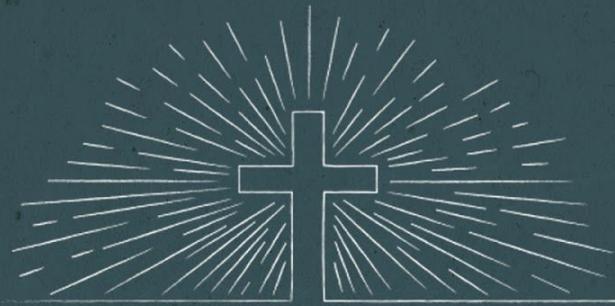


Sermon Discussion Questions

Yes, And... // Philippians 1:19-26

- Does Paul's example of joy in suffering inspire you? Frustrate you? Make you long for the same experience?
- Do you think we need to develop the same kind of joyful spirit Paul has, even if it's not likely we'll ever face the same kind of suffering?
- Where are you on the path toward discovering this kind of joy?
- What are the circumstances surrounding Paul? What do you think has to be true of him for him to be able to rejoice even in the midst of that suffering?
- How do you define "joy" and "happiness"? Are they different things? How did Pastor Joey define them?
- What are some of the wrong ways our culture tells us to pursue happiness? What are some of the wrong ways you've tried to pursue happiness?
- How is Christian joy related to love? How do we rejoice in the one we love?
- Pastor Joey said that "happiness comes when we love a thing for what it does for us; joy comes when we love a thing for what it is in itself." How do you make sense of that difference? What are some things you love for what they are in themselves instead of what they do for you or how they make you feel?



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- What does Paul mean by “to live is Christ, to die is gain” (Phil 1:21)?
- Do you agree with the idea that joy can be learned? How do we learn it?
- What experiences in your life have taught you joy? Would you trade those experiences away if it meant losing the joy you’ve learned to have?
- Is Jesus the overwhelming desire of your heart? Or has something else replaced him? Health, career, family, pleasure, etc.?
- How will you and your community group focus on Jesus this week to find joy in him?



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