

## The Heart of the Matter

13. Has Jesus ever communicated things to you that you could hardly bear? (V12) What happened?

14. Both Jesus and the world offer a form of peace (14:27; 16:33), joy (15:11; 16:22-24), and love (13:34-35; 15:9-19). How have you experienced each of these?

15. Things were going to change for the disciples in a big way. How do you deal with change? How should you?

16. C. S. Lewis suggests that joy is “the serious business of Heaven.” In what ways can your sorrow be turned to joy right now?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### Finding Your Joy John 16:5-33 For the Week of March 3, 2024

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Are you good at saying goodbye? How so?
3. What is the one thing that has brought you the greatest joy?

### **Digging Deeper**

4. How is the promise of the Holy Spirit in 16:5-33 an encouragement after what the disciples just heard in 16:1-4?

5. What are the disciples thinking now? What is their grief keeping them from understanding?

6. In verse 9, what is the sin that the Spirit will convict the world of? What are the lost lacking to be saved and to please God? What will the judgment of the unbelievers look like? What can believers expect?

7. How would you paraphrase the three goals of the Holy Spirit's work in verses 8-11?

8. Why was it important for the disciples that Jesus return to the Father? What would the Spirit do for them, His church? Why didn't Jesus stay and do all this?

9. If you were a disciple hearing Jesus' words for the first time what would you be thinking? Would Jesus' answers be an encouragement to you or just confuse you more?

10. What event is Jesus referring to in verses 20-22? In what way does the world's "joy" in verse 20 differ from the joy the disciples will experience in verse 22?

11. How is this joy similar to what Jesus said about dying in 12:24? About peace in 14:27?

12. What characterizes the relationship we can have with the Father because of Jesus according to verses 23-27?