

## Joy

## Sunday Evening Discussion

James 1:2-5, 1 Peter 1:3-7, Romans 5:1-5

All and Every

1. Would you share one of your happiest memories?
2. Why is that memory happy? How can you feel like that again?
3. What can make you happy?

Joy – as defined by the modern self-love/human potential movement

4. Call out a list of life's trials? Do these things make you happy?
5. Do Christians have to be happy?

Biblical Joy

6. How is joy different from happiness? Where do you look for happiness and where do you look for joy?
7. Is happiness an emotion? Are emotions (or however happiness is classified) wrong?
8. Is joy an emotion?
9. Do you see anything in James 1:2-5 that indicates how we can find joy in trials?

Knowledge and Understanding of Who We Are and Who God Is

Understanding That We Look to Eternity

10. What about a trial are we to consider as joy? The experience of suffering, grief, pain, or temptation? Or, is it something else?
11. How do trials of various kinds prove our faith?

Understanding That We Are Being Proven

12. Think about what it is that tries you. What vexes you? What tempts you? What causes you pain and suffering?
13. When you endure without losing faith - you will know God has given you wisdom, he has sustained you, and an inheritance awaits.