



## Week Three | Joy - The Santa Clause | 12.14-15.2019

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** Joy is about the choice we get to make in remembering what God has already done and what's available to everyone because of it.

### » Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
  - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is the thing you are most looking forward to this Christmas?
- Digging Deeper: What is something you can do this week that can spread joy in your community?

### » Observation | Read Luke 2:8-20 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | You can choose joy again. (12 minutes)

- What are some ways you have seen people choose joy in spite of their circumstances? How did they do it?
- What are the things we might choose instead of joy? What happens when we do that?

### » Unlikely Witnesses | Reread Luke 2:8 (12 minutes)

- The shepherds were not the kind of people most would have thought God cared about. Who in your life would it be easy to ignore that God hasn't forgotten?
- Who are you leaving out of your life because they're just too much or not enough? What if you invited them in?

### » Undeniable Evidence | Reread Luke 2:9-14 (12 minutes)

- Why was Jesus' arrival going to 'bring good news of great joy to all people'?
- Where is God showing up in your life and in your family this season? Are you looking for Him?

### » Unforgettable Experience | Reread Luke 2:15-20 (12 minutes)

- In a season that gets really busy, what are three ways you can slow down this week? What do you need to say no to?
- What choices could bring back joy in your life this Christmas?

### » Closing and Prayer | (15minutes)

- Who is God calling you to invite into this joy-filled Christmas experience with you?
- Close by praying for one another to find joy in this Christmas season.