

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 19, 2017

This Week's Focus: Jesus' high priestly prayer teaches us that we can experience true, lasting joy by treasuring him and living obediently on mission to declare and demonstrate the good news of the gospel.

This Week's Text: John 14:6-19

"Joy was designed by God as the deepest way to reflect his value. Joy is a spontaneous response to what you treasure." **John Piper**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- What does Jesus pray for his disciples in verse 13? What is joy? What was Jesus' source of joy? Reference John 17:1-5, Hebrews 12:2.
- Discuss how personal joy relates to loving God, obeying God, and the glory of God? Reference John 15:9-11, John 17:24, 26. How secure is the Christian's joy? Reference Jude 24.
- Multiple times in this chapter, Jesus states that he was sent by God the Father into the world (John 17:3, 8, 18, 23, 25). What is the mission Jesus was sent to accomplish? How is the Kingdom of God already present and yet not fully realized? How extensive is Jesus' mission of redemption? Reference Revelation 21:1-4, Romans 8:20-21.
- Read verses 15-18. What is the mission that every Christian has been given? Reference Matthew 28:18-20. How do we live faithfully on mission while avoiding the extremes of *assimilation* and *isolation*? Are you prone to assimilate or isolate? Use the following categories to discuss how we can faithfully live in the world without assimilating or isolating: *Reject, Receive, Redeem*.
- Where do we find the strength, direction, encouragement, and wisdom necessary to faithfully live on mission? Reference verse 17. Discuss how joy relates to living on gospel mission. Reference Acts 8:4-8, Acts 13:48, 52, Acts 15:3.

- Read verse 18 and Isaiah 53:3-8. Discuss how Jesus was cut off (consecrated) for you, so that you could be accepted by God.
- How does this passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?