

Making application to life:

5) Upon what do you have confident expectation for joy in life? Does your daily life affect that?

6) What kinds of things or circumstances cause people to doubt or question God's joy of promise and then end up being discouraged? How would you disciple that person?

7) What areas of life would be affected if a disciple believed the joy of God's promise? How would you share your journey and how would you describe what the disciple can/should do in order to seize it for himself?

The Joy of the Promise

Genesis 3:15

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Job 38:4-7

How did the joy of the promise happen?

1) God provides everything perfect 2:15-24

2) Man often chooses outside of God's perfect will 3:1-6

What is sin?

3) In chaos, God provides the joy of a promise 3:15

- God cursed the serpent 3:14
- God promised great joy 3:15

- 1 John 3:12 ; Rev. 20:10

***In any situation, Jesus gives the joy of the promise
in hope of deliverance.***

- This hope is confident expectation of how He will deliver. Rom. 15:13
- This joy is inexpressible. 1 Pet. 1:3-9
- This promise is fixed, firm and from the Father of lights. Jam. 1:17

Message Based Discussion Questions

1) What activities bring you the most joy in life?

Digging Deeper:

2) When God creates, how does He describe it (Gen. 1:31)?
_____ What are the things that can and cannot damage what God creates?

3) When man doubts God, what is that called (Rom. 14:23)?
_____ What leads up to doubting and what are some of the results of doubting based on the following passages? (Matt. 14:31; 21:21; 28:17; Luke 24:38; 1 Tim. 2:8; Jam. 1:6)

4) Was Jesus, in His humanity, always filled with the Holy Spirit (see Luke 4:1, 14, 18)? _____ Is the believer in Jesus always filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18)? Why or why not? Does it affect God's promise of joy (Rom. 15:13)?