

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## *Fruit of the Holy Spirit Series*

These questions are for the **July 6, 2025** message, “**Joy**,” from the series entitled, ***Fruit of the Holy Spirit***. Please read the sermon passage (Psalm 16:8-11) together to set the context for our study.

### Passage Outline

1. What is Joy?
2. Where does Joy come from?
3. Why are we joyful?

### Application:

1. Joy leads to wonder.
2. Joy leads to witness.
3. Joy leads to worship.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. In defining Joy, Pastor Jacob gave some specific examples of what Joy is not. Among them, he mentioned that “Joy is not happiness,” and explained that happiness is tied to circumstance. We should be able to experience true Joy, regardless of our circumstances. Describe a particular circumstance in your life when feeling Joyful was particularly difficult. What reason did you have to be joyful in that moment?
2. Pastor Jacob reminded us that we cannot produce Joy in ourselves simply by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps and “getting a little more cheerful.” Rather, “Joy comes from God. It is a work of the Spirit produced within us as we grow toward spiritual maturity.” If God is responsible for producing Joy within us, what is our role in that process? Name one way we may sometimes oppose the work of the Holy Spirit as He works within us? What can we do to get out of the way, allowing the Spirit to stretch and grow our Joy?
3. We can be joyful because of the Gospel—the good news that “God, in Christ Jesus, has cleansed us from sin and called us to Himself. We don’t have to pay our debt.” How can we show God our gratitude for this amazing gift?
4. Pastor Jacob taught that authentic Joy leads us to worship. We marvel at the greatness of God, as we understand what He’s done for us in the forgiving and transforming work of Jesus. Discuss with your Life Group some ways that God has been visibly at work in your life? What is He teaching you about Himself? How can your Life Group support and encourage you to share the good news of Jesus with those around you this week?